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Skiers take advantage of new snow at Hanson Hills



gates one of the big hills on a beautiful winter day in Crawford County.

HITTING THE SLOPES AND TRAILS - (Left) Cross country skiers (from left) Patti Dombrowski of Midland, Peggy Scott of Roscommon, and Chris Seager of Grayling, take to the trails at Hanson Hills, while (below) young down-hill skier Christine Gobrogge of Frankenmuth navi-



Photos by Cheryll Ruley

by Cheryll Ruley Staff Writer

Hanson Hills Recreation Area released their first Ski Conditions Report of the season on December 29.

As of Tuesday, the ski area was reporting

two inches of fresh, natural snow and, available of rolled terrain, with no set track. cloudy skies, with packed powder conditions. The average base depth was eight to 14 inches, with two trails and two lifts open. Night skiing is available at this time.

For cross country skiers there was 35K

The day before, the hills, tow lines and

trails slowly filled with skiers of all ages, coming out to enjoy the brisk winter air, fresh powder, as well as the aroma and coziness of the big lodge fireplace.

from places like Windsor, Ontario; a.m. to 8 p.m. Midland, Frankenmuth and local areas.

such as Roscommon and Grayling.

With reduced prices until conditions improve, skiers will find a good bargain at conditions permit.

Visitors to the ski facility that day came the Hills, which is currently open from 11

New snow is expected all this week and Hanson Hills staff members make snow in the early morning hours any time weather

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

Judy Bonne, the new principal of Grayling Elementary School, has recently undergone quite a change



Judy Bonne

in scenery, having moved to Grayling from Rockford, Illinois, a community near Chicago.

"It's a real different area, there's a lot of energy and enthusiasm here,' said Bonne.

Bonne took over the role of GES principal about a month ago, following the departure of Kathryn Sergeant.

Bonne has worked with children of all grade levels, pre-school through 12th grade.

She grew up in Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University. After that, she moved to Minneapolis and took a teaching position. Bonne later relocated to Rockford, where she stayed for 27 years. Bonne worked as a teacher there, and eventually took the job of principal.

For the last 20 years of her employment at Rockford she

worked with teachers in addition to her classroom duties and administrating, teaching courses like "stress

management." She has also helped teachers to

"The people here are really interested in children and learning."

Grayling Elementary School's new principal, Judy Bonne.

integrate technology into their classrooms, and has taught computer training.

Bonne has two children: a son who attends Ferris State University and a 16-year-old daughter, who will move to Grayling after she finishes her semester in Rockford. "She's pretty excited," Bonne said.

Bonne said that she enjoys reading and sports. "I love to be outdoors," she said. Specifically, she likes to ski, run, and play soccer.

In Rockford she played left halfback on a women's soccer team.

Bonne said that things are going pretty well for her in Grayling so

"I love it. It's a great staff here, with good support. The people here are really interested in children and learning," said Bonne.

"This is a really great school," she continued. "I'm interested in making learning best for children and

New principal takes over at GES Cheerleaders to entertain during Citrus Bowl halftime

by Cheryll Ruley Staff Writer

Three Grayling High School Varsity Cheerleaders will perform during halftime of the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

Seniors Jamie Anderson, 17, and Jessica Becks, 17, along with junior Darcy Trudgeon, 16, were chosen by the judges representing the American Cheerleading Federation to perform at the game which features University of Michigan vs. Arkansas. Michigan is favored to win the football game by three points.

The game can be viewed on ABC Channel 29&8, Friday, January 1, beginning at 1 p.m.

Halftime festivities include music by Charlie Daniels and his band and close to 1,500 cheerleaders, dancers and performers from around the nation

The threesome will spend New Year's Eve at Universal Studios and Disney World, where they will bring in the new year amidst fireworks and amusement park fun.

But, before all that fun, the girls will have to attend long halftime routine practice sessions.

Anderson, Becks and Trudgeon attended cheerleading camp in Grayling last summer where they

tried out for the opportunity to perform at the Citrus Bowl.

"I think it's great that the kids have the opportunity to do something exciting like this," said Dana Anderson, mother of one participating cheerleader.

"This will really top off Jamie and Jessica's senior year and create some great memories for Darcy, too," Anderson concluded.

Anderson said she hopes that everyone will tune into the game and watch our local cheerleaders perform the professionally choreographed dance routine before a nationwide, perhaps worldwide,

Weyerhaeuser adds to NCMCF

North Central Community Foundation (NCMCF) announced a grant of \$7,000 from Weverhaeuser Company Foundation

The contribution has been designated for the Crawford County General Fund. The income from this fund is un-restricted and can be applied to the areas of greatest need in Crawford County.

"Volunteers from the Grayling Structurwood Mill advisory committee recommended this grant." Said Dave Malm, Operations Manager of Weyerhaeuser Oriented Strand Board (OSB) Mill located in Grayling. "The Weyerhaeuser

Michigan Company Foundation mission is to improve the quality of life in communities where we do business. We believe that NCMCF is an important long term tool that supports social, educational, environmental and other charitable activities in our neighborhood. Weyerhaeuser is excited that the donation will generate 50% matching funds from the Kellogg Foundation for local youth programs. Developing leadership skills of young people is very important." Malm also serves on the Crawford County Committee of

> NCMCF. In announcing the gifts, NCMCF

Executive Coordinator Shari Ankney stated, "We are grateful for the support from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. We hope this gift, and others, will stimulate the residents of our five counties to help us reach our \$2 million fundraising objective by December 31,

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - The Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for December are: Front row (1 to r) Doug Webb, Chris Secord, Dan Hagerman, Ashley Prosser, Justin DeVille, Tara Papendick; Second row (1 to r) Jimmy Jansen, Nikki Lynch, Nicole Reyes, Joni Welch, Samantha Collins, Thomas Earls; Third row (1 to r) Megan Kirk, Jesse VanSlyke, Michael Gassman, Dan Snider, Ryan Davis, Lisa Ervin, Josh Millikin, Jenny King; Fourth row (1 to r) Dan Mahaney, Coleman Payne, Heather Merchant, Tracy Parkinson, Danielle Beckwith, Jeff Dedafoe, Tim Domcik. Not shown: Emily Henion, Greg

Local mother-daughter team help Hospice

Nancy Gunderson and Brenda Grandmaison, a mother-daughter team from the Plaza Bar in Grayling, have donated \$1,200 to Hospice of Michigan this year.

This family has experienced the care provided by the hospice team. Their husband, and father, was served by Hospice of Michigan for several months before his death in October 1994.

Since his death, mother and daughter have become ambassadors for hospice and are creative with their fund-raising efforts.

Judy Bontrager, Hospice of Michigan Community Relations, state that, "The staff and volunteers are encouraged by the commitment this family has in promoting the mission of the hospice program."

Hearts for Hospice was their first all her tips from a day's work to fund-raiser of the year, competing with several other local businesses in Grayling and Roscommon. Businesses vied to see who could sell the most hearts to their cus-

tomers, charging a dollar per heart.

Gunderson and Grandmaison said that the walls of their business were covered in hearts. They continued to raise money by having customers guess how many dimes were laid side-by-side, stretching from one end of the counter to the other.

The third project created was haircuts by the inch. The monetary proceeds went to Hospice of Michigan, and the cut hair was donated to Locks of Love which makes wigs for cancer patients.

One generous employee donated

increase the growing fund.

The grand finale was a Hospice of Michigan benefit picnic held the second Sunday in September. Plaza Bar donated the food and beverages. A number of other area businesses and distributors donated items to be raffled at the picnic. Admission was charged for the event held at a local park. Gunderson and Grandmaison felt that the annual picnic was success-

Funds donated to Hospice of Michigan are channeled into the "quality of life" account. These funds are used to provide resources that enhance the life of the terminally ill. These donations help with family needs such as special trip

arrangements and unique patient equipment needs. The ability to provide these quality of life gifts makes lasting memories for the patient and their loved ones.

For more information about Hospice of Michigan patient services available in Grayling, Roscommon, Gaylord, and the surrounding communities, call 1-800-449-5560 or (517) 275-8967.

Hospice of Michigan is a nonprofit program that provides comprehensive care to persons living with a terminal illness in communities throughout lower Michigan.

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Trunk latch safety kits unveiled by GM

Stupak (D-Menominee) joined General Motors (GM) officials, a lever to be manually reset before national safety experts, and Sen. the trunk lid will close. The manu-Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), at the national unveiling of a hardware kit designed to help prevent the deaths requires "a level of dexterity that of children due to being locked in most very young children do not vehicle trunks.

Stupak has been the leader in urging the automotive industry to find ways to prevent these accidental deaths.

Ron Zarella, GM's executive vice president and the president of GM North America, said the \$50 kits are intended to prevent the kinds of tragedies that claimed the lives of 11 children in three separate incidents in New Mexico, Utah and Pennsylvania this past summer.

Stupak termed GM's announcement "a positive first step" toward making American automobiles safer for both children and adults. "I am very happy to see the industry voluntarily working to find a solution to this problem," Stupak said. The unveiling of the GM trunk

latch kit is one facet of a larger attack on the problem of vehicle trunk latches, which not only entrap children but also, because of the lack of any kind of internal release, allows trunks to be used in kidnapping or carjacking incidents.

GM officials said their dealer-

a modified trunk latch that requires al reset is easily operated by adults standing outside the car, but possess," according to GM's news

an escape handle, mounting hard-

On December 16, Rep. Bart installed trunk latch kit will contain ware, lighting that will allow the escape handle to be seen more easily by young children who may become trapped in a trunk, and a strap to prevent children from entering the trunk from the passenger compartment in vehicles that allow such access.

> The kits are designed to be used on most of GM's 1990 and newer As described, the kits also contain family passenger vehicles. The kits are due out early in 1999.

What exactly is *Kwanzaa*?

The celebration of Kwanzaa, observed by many African Americans throughout the country, was created in 1966 by Maulana

Kwanzaa is a Swahili word

meaning "first fruits," is a cultural, rather than religious, holiday. According to Elizabeth James. librarian at the University of Michigan's Center Afroamerican and African Studies, its focus is based on the Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa which includes such concepts as unity and self-determination.

celebration begins December 26 and ends January 1. During the week, participants decorate their homes with various

objects which serve as instructive and inspirational metaphors. One example is the Mkeka, which symbolizes the foundation upon which all else rests.

"These items represent the African-American connection to Africa," said James. She explains that they symbolize the Harvest Festival in western Africa and its continued celebration by those of Afroamerican heritage.

Kwanzaa has grown to become a wonderful, healing and reviving non-exclusionary festival, James said.

For more information on Kwanzaa, contact James at (734) 764-5518, or e-mail her at: ecnirp@umich.edu

New Year's Day Dining Delights!

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<u>ALMANACK</u>

by Richard Milliman

A Christmas prayer: May arms lead to peace

AT THIS TIME of year, the thoughts of most Americans once more have centered on that part of the world where the miracle of the first Christmas occurred.

At the great Christian feast of Christmas, our minds and hearts focus on the hills and plains of what we now call the Middle East -- that part of the world which saw the birth of the Christ Child, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace.

But Christmas time 1998 still echoes with the sounds and destruction of war, not peace.

It is ironic -- blasphemous, perhaps -- that the latest long-range military attack by the United States against the obstinate and double-dealing leadership of Iraq came at what is arguably the

holiest time of the year for much of the world. Not only Christians celebrate a great holy feast at this season, but so do believers in other reli-

For those who follow the Jewish faith and tradition, the time of Hanukkah is just past.

For those of the Muslim faith -- perhaps the most widespread religion in the world -- the holy period of Ramadan is underway.

But in the strategy rooms of the U.S. government, and in the defensive bunkers in Baghdad. these have been the time of bombs and missiles and war.

The sadness of the reality is heightened by the timing of the attack.

PROVOCATION FOR the attack certainly was present. The United Nations team combing Iraq for illegal weapons of mass destruction were being shut out by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, believed that military action against Iraq was

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who forestalled an earlier threat of bombing by essential, he had little choice about the timing. agreeing to permit unhampered inspection by U.N. teams.

Hussein reneged, and the cards were on the table again.

But why right now? Why the day after Mr. Clinton returned from a peace-keeping trip to Israel and Palestine, which produced negligible progress in that process? Why the day before the U.S. House was to begin debating Mr. Clinton's impeachment?

Why at this time?

Those who suspected political motives by the President for the timing of the attack perhaps might be excused for such dark thoughts.

Mr. Clinton opened himself to political suspicions by a pattern of consistent duplicity and lying, and misleading his friends, his foes and the

How far would Mr. Clinton go to protect himself politically? How could his words and actions be trusted? Only look at the sad record: If Mr. Clinton's motives are suspect, it's his own fault.

But as commander-in-chief, as well as president, he was in a box on action against Iraq. If not now, when?

If he waited until after the House voted impeachment, and then ordered the attack, he could be accused of trying to influence the Senate conduct of an impeachment trial, which could drag on so long that today's emergency would become tomorrow's lost opportunity.

So, if Mr. Clinton and his advisors, based on substantial information and sound logic, really

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The answer was "Now."

LARGER QUESTIONS, however, beg for

Are bombing and missile strikes by the U.S. against Iraq the most effective way to save the world from poison gas, biological warfare, nuclear attack and other Hussein weapons of horrible and mass destruction?

Ah, that's yet another debate.

And should the U.S. be acting almost alone (Great Britain was the only ally in our corner when the attack was ordered) to save the world. or should we act only in concert with deep support from most of the rest of the world? Do we have license to act however and whenever we choose?

That, too, is another debate.

But we are where we are. In this emergency, the United States should present a solid front, and the President should be given solid public sup-

Although the holy season of Christmas has been a bit besmirched by our country's immediate military strikes, let us all offer an extra Christmas prayer that somehow the methods of war will lead to a more secure, a more lasting peace on earth.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

NOW THAT'S SNOW -

This picture was taken in

Uptown Grayling some-

time in the 1930's. If you

look closely, you will see the Grayling Post Office,

the Rialto Theatre and a

much smaller Michelson

Methodist Church. There doesn't seem to be much

Avenue with the snow

piled so high. This photo

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Snowmobilers welcome but not on the sidewalks

I'd like this letter to be printed as a reminder to the many snowmobilers who have finally been blessed with the snow.

When the first snow sufficient enough for this fine sport fell, I was pleased to see that Grayling might see a profitable winter.

What I wasn't pleased to see was that a snowmobiler had used the city sidewalk in front of my house as a path for his or her machine.

Although I'm sure no harm was intended, this sidewalk passes approximately 12 inches from the bottom step of my front porch.

I'm sure that if one of Grayling's fine police officers would have witnessed this, the sled driver's day may have been spoiled by receiving

a citation that carries a good fine.

I have no problem with the snowmobilers using our streets to make their way through town, but for their safety (and that of their finances), as well as the safety of others, our local lawmakers have instituted snowmobile ordinances.

Please, if you don't know what our snowmobile ordinances are, check with the police or sheriff's department, or the Department of Natural Resources. I'm sure these people would be glad to hear that you're concerned for your own safety as well as that of others.

Have a safe, sober, and happy

Tomas A. Galvani

'Borrowers' strike again: shovel, ladder and package missing

To the editor,

I was glad to see the Santa returned to Smith Street. It is nice to know whoever "borrowed" him brought him back.

I'm looking for someone who "borrowed a six-foot step ladder, a snow shovel that said "stolen from Goodale's" on the handle, and a UPS package from my house on Margrethe Blvd.

To the person who "borrowed"

these items, I would like to "have" them back. Especially since I asked to borrow the ladder from someone, and had to replace it.

If you don't want to leave it there, could you at least change my light bulbs? It's a little late now to put up my Christmas lights or did you want to "borrow" those, too?

Tired of all the "borrowing," Linda Goodale Grayling

Grayling area complimented for Christmas generosity

To the editor,

I would like to compliment the people of the Grayling area.

In October, I made people aware that the Crawford County tions to fully fund the 1998 Community Services account Christmas project. All of you may (Christmas funds) was nearly out of money to start the 1998 season.

Everyone was encouraged to Adopt-A-Family, donate toys or money. The response was phenom-

Twenty-two families were adopted and we were flooded with wonderful toys.

I received enough monetary donarest assured that all who needed help received it. Happy Holidays!

> Gerry Schroeder, Coordinator **Crawford County Community** Christian Help Center

Road Commission does good job, except when it comes to mailboxes

To the editor,

Here it is again - Winter! Time for skiing, skating, sledding, snow, ice, and plowing - the subject of my

The Crawford County Road Commission does a very good job of keeping our roads plowed, salted, and safe for drivers. My concern lies with management policy. I know it is impossible not to

damage or ruin an occasional mailbox. And, that's what happened to my mailbox last week. It was knocked off its post onto

the ground and the door was broken. Mr. Blaauw at the Road Commission acknowledged that it was the snow from the plow that

knocked my mailbox from its post. He also stated that "those cheap plastic mailboxes just don't last."

And, since the blade of the plow itself didn't knock my whole post over, it was my responsibility to replace the mailbox at my expense.

I am not mechanically-inclined but I'm sure I'll be able to figure out how to put up a new mailbox. And, I guess I'd better buy an expensive one so, if it happens again, Mr. Blaauw will feel justified in replac-

At least an apology for my time and inconvenience would have been

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Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's

noon on Friday to be considered for the next issue. Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday

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for consideration in the next issue. News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2"x 11"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and n address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's'

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space ailows

Deadline for submission of lexters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Michelson hosts all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will hosts an all-you-caneat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, January 7, from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Take-outs are available and all are welcome.

Red Cross to hold blood drive Jan. 6

The Grayling Community American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, January 6 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle winner of \$300, for week #13, is Dusty Latuszek.

Senior citizen Follies meeting planned

The Follies Annual General Meeting will be held in the Senior Center dining room on January 7 at 1 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

Gardeners to discuss spring perennials

It's not too early to be thinking about what should be added to your flower garden this coming spring. Join the Master Gardeners on Manday, January 11, at 7 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall, as Carol Gerometta leads a discussion on "Perennials." Can your favorite flower be grown in this area? Does it need any special care? These and many other questions will be answered. For additional information regarding the meeting, you may call President Barb at (517) 275-5832.

MDOT will continue improvements in 1999

MDOT looks ahead to an even busier 1999 construction season

As Michiganians travel to spend the holidays with family and friends, they can take comfort in knowing the road they travel is likely to be smoother and safer thanks to a record 1998 construc-

The passage of Governor Engler's Build Michigan II plan and the passage of TEA-21, have resulted in, a first time ever, \$1 billion being spent on road and bridge repair across the state.

"The 1998 construction season was highly productive, resulting in road and bridge improvements to many of the state's heavily traveled roads, highways and bridges," said State Transportation Director James R. DeSana. "This year there was a total of 503 projects started, of which more than 400 were completed on-time or early, several projects were completed as much as one year early.'

proud of and one that motorists can ber 24, 26, 29 and 30. appreciate."

rtion of the work planned for the 1999 construction season is ready to go when spring arrives. An estimated \$1.2 billion will be spent on road and bridge repair next year.

During the holiday season, MDOT's contractors will continue to work on several projects scheduled to be completed early next year. These projects include:

Metro Detroit

Northbound I-75 exit ramp to Warren and the Mack Ave. on-ramp to northbound I-75 will be closed. East and westbound I-94 at the Rouge River will be reduced from three lanes to two.

Eastbound M-153 (Ford Road) bridge over M-39 (Southfield Freeway) will be closed. Eastbound traffic will shift to the westbound M-153 bridge at M-39. Westbound traffic will be reduced to two lanes

Ramps from eastbound M-153 to northbound M-39 and southbound M-39 to eastbound M-153 will be closed.

University Region - South Central Michigan

Traffic shifts on US-23 at Plymouth Road due to bridge painting, and on M-14 at the east trilevel ramp

M-43 (Grand River) will be reduced to one lane between "That's a record MDOT can be Harrison and Marshall on Decem-

Bay Region - Thumb are

Traffic shift on 1-75 south of Birch Run due to bridge work.

Superior Region - Upper Peninsula

(both lanes).

Business I-75 (Ashmun Street) over the Edison Sault Power Canal, in Sault Ste. Marie will be reduced to one lane due to bridge work

December babies get all wrapped up

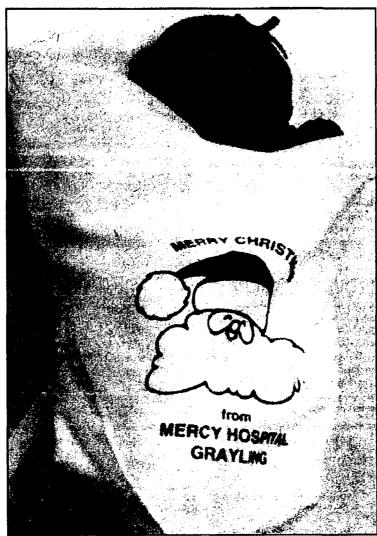


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CHRISTMAS BUNDLE - During the month of December, babies born at Grayling Mercy Hospital are wrapped in white flannel Santa blankets as a gift from the hospital. Shown here is Lyndsey Marie Johnston who was born on December 21.

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The following complaints were reported to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department December 21 through 28:

Two assault; three burglary; two larceny; three property damage: three public peace; three citations; four health & safety; two minors; six accidents; two non-traffic accidents; four snowmobile accidents: one false alarm; one fire; seven accidents-other; one property inspection: three suspicious situations; 10 general non-criminal.

During the seven-day period, a total of 57 complaints were handled by the Sheriff's Department.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year



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FRI • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

SAT GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING (# St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm.

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• GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. 5 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting of Citizens Bank, 1 p.m. CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon.

ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. WED •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306.

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This should be the most exciting and challenging year of our life! The end of this coming year ushers in a new millennium. Yet, many people are filled with anxiety because of the uncertainty of coming world events. Electronic technicians are laboring to avoid a computer catastrophe because many old computers were not constructed or programmed to handle the new millennium dates. Some worry about a world-wide financial melt down forcing us to replace the dollar standard with a new global currency. Some fear the spread of poverty along with nuclear technology will bring about missile blackmail or attacks upon the U.S.A. by terrorists nations. There has been no century in the history of the world when one nation has had more wealth and blessings than the U.S.A. Neither has there been a century or millennium change which confronts us with more chal-

There are doomsday groups urging people to stockpile weapons, food, energy sources, clothing, etc. There are other people laughing it off like some kind of a joke. Temperance and prudence are always wise counselors for times like this. Because of a rush on banks, grocery stories, gas stations, and other businesses, our worst danger

could be a self-fulfilling prophecy promoted by last minute hoarding. Steps toward self-sufficient for any emergency is always reasonable. A back up form of heating, lights, staple food supply, extra blankets, warm clothing and access to fresh water are always prudent. This does not require as much money as common sense and good judgement. Many people buy can goods by the case for the coming year during the fall harvest sales. If your budget is too limited for that, buy extra dry beans, rice, popcorn, and other staples each week until you have enough to last you several weeks in case of a crisis. Fresh water can easily be stored in emptied gallon milk cartons.

This article is being written a year early, to encourage those who are slow to prepare by gradual, practical, and reasonable steps to handle possible emergencies. What if nothing happens? We can all praise God and have a good rest of the winter. We'll still have a sense of security and be able to enjoy the challenges of winter like the creatures around us. God tells us we should learn these practices from nature. (Proverbs 30:25) "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer." Preparing for the uncertainties of winter is only being as

smart as the average ant.

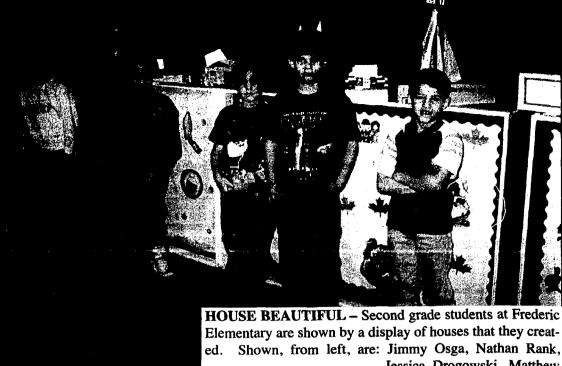
Christians, don't be alarmed about any coming events during the new millennium. Don't be deceived by date setters saying the return of Christ or end of the world will come at the close of 1999. Nobody on earth knows the time of Christ's return (Mark 13:32) "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven. neither the Son, but the Father." Besides, the return of Jesus Christ is not something Christians dread, it is that blessed hope for which we pray and

Turn your life over to Jesus Christ this year! Come and worship with us in a good Bible-believing Church. The best is yet to come! Don't be deceived by doomsayers!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at http://freeway.net/~cba/ and at http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ra nch/1263/

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As we ring in the new year, many of us view ourselves closely, assessing our strengths and weaknesses and strive toward self-improvement. Though not aware of our true purpose, we benefit in our efforts to better ourselves and our future.

Yet, we can only guess which roads we shall travel...which tools we shall need. Only our Heavenly Father knows the stops along the way to our destiny... 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 expresses this beautifully..."For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect... For now we see in a mirror darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand

fully, even as I have been fully understood." As we begin anew this year, let us make the most of each day. May we begin each morning with the prayer of faith that gives our lives to God for His purpose. Add the importance of weekly worship that strengthens your faith and brightens each day. You will have the best New Year ever!

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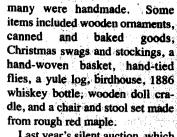
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Auction raises money for Animal Shelter

Employees from the Grayling Department of Environmental Ouality (DEQ), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and United States Geological Survey (USGS) held their second annual Christmas silent auction on December 15.

This year's proceeds, totalling \$533, have been donated to the Animal Shelter for Crawford County

DEQ, DNR, and USGS employees donated items to be auctioned,



Last year's silent auction, which included a hand-carved brook trout, yielded nearly \$400, which was donated to the River House Shelter.

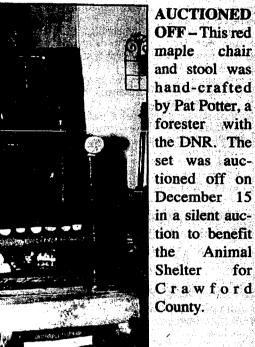


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Jazz concert to benefit scholarship fund

The Interlochen Arts Academy Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo will present a benefit concert at 8 p.m., Friday, January 15, in the Corson Auditorium.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Interlochen Chamber of Commerce Annette Basler Memorial Scholarship Fund.

General admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 18 and

Under the direction of William Sears, members of the Interlochen

Arts Academy (IAA) Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo will perform a variety of classic and modern jazz compositions.

are available at Tickets Interlochen Community School, Giovanni's Restaurant, Ric's Food Center, Jessica Rickert, D.D.S. Attorney-At-Law **Patrick** McDonald, all in Interlochen. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead as we enter the new year: no amount of careful planning will ever replace dumb luck!

Good luck, good health, good friends - three wishes from our heart that you may enjoy in the coming year. 1999... only one more to go and we will hit the year 2000. When I was a child, I hoped that I could be around to see the year 2000 and with any kind of luck at all, I will be.

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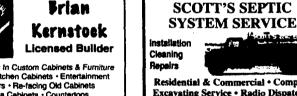
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Services recently presented a recognition plaque to Mercy Health Services North - Grayling for their support of America's blood supply.

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American Red Cross Blood Donor Services representative; Hospital and Red Cross volunteers throughout the Grayling area. used in 80 hospitals through out

> "Grayling is an important part-"the Red Cross appreciates the ner in that effort," Bauer conclud-



Photo courtesy of the American Red Cross

IMPORTANT PARTNERS – Mark Moody (from left), Interim Chapter Executive for the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Biz Bauer, Red Cross Donor Services representative, presented Mercy Health Services North with a plaque recognizing the organization's efforts in the collection and distribution of blood in northern Michigan. Mercy representatives shown are Kathryn Zelinsky, R.N., Vice President Patient Care Services and Diane Hegal, Interim Lab Director.

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In announcing the contribution, Kiwanis Club Treasurer Ron Joyce stated, "Our members saw NCMCF as a unique opportunity to expand our services while leveraging the additional funds for youth programs through the Kellogg Challenge. By contributing to NCMCF, the Kiwanis continue to fulfill their objective of supporting youth activities in Crawford County."

NCMCF Executive Coordinator Shari Ankney noted, "We are delighted the Kiwanis Club has joined other Grayling area organizations in support of NCMCF. Within the past three weeks, five Grayling groups have contributed nearly \$40,000 to NCMCF, which will benefit Crawford County and its youth."

Anyone wishing to make a contribution may visit NCMCF in the NBD Bank building at 701 Lake Street in Roscommon, call (517) 275-3112, or simply write a check to: North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653, making the fund or your choice in the memo section of the check.



Local artist featured in one-man art exhibition

Local artist, Jeffrey Randolph (Jeff) Bond, will be featured in a month-long art exhibition in Traverse City.

Since 1991, Bond has studied the art of drawing and painting portraits. He has now started his own business, Randolph Bond

Bond pursues his love of portraiture in a small studio next to his home in Grayling, where he lives with his wife and son.

A member of the Northern Michigan Artist Guild and Northwestern Michigan Artists and Craftsmen, Bond has completed many successful works and continues working hard to establish himself as a portrait artist in north-

The one-person show and exhibition of fine art portraiture will be held at The Lighting Center located at 144 Hall Street in Traverse City.

The exhibition will begin on January 4 and last until the end of the month.

The exhibit will include charcoal, pastel and oil portraits, The main attraction will be a full length portrait of Chief David Shoppenagon in oil on a 30" x 66" canvas.

January 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information regarding the exhibition, please call The Lighting Center at (616)

A reception for Bond will be held on

941-5414 Bond's studio can be reached at (517) 348-

ART EXHIBITION - (Left) Chief David Shoppenagon's image was recreated in oil on a 30" x 66" canvas Grayling resident Jeffrey Randolph Bond. This work and others will be part of a one person month-long art exhibition at The Lighting Center on Hall Street in Traverse City, beginning January 4.

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Avoid the holiday blues Obituaries

Ideally, the holiday season its own way. should be a time of family gatherings, good cheer, and hopes for a bright New Year. Often times, however, the holiday season is not so "idealistic.'

Many people find themselves overly stressed both emotionally and financially. They find that they are faced with unrealistic expectations and increased demands of shopping, cooking and parties. These expectations can lead to disappointment and sometimes depression.

Shelly Vallee, MSW, CSW, Acute Services Supervisor for North Central Community Mental Health, offers the following suggestions to help minimize both stress as well as depression.

 Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable by not trying to make the holiday "the best ever." It is important to set realistic goals for yourself and organize your time. Do not spend too much time (or money) for just one day.

• "Letting go of the past" is also helpful. Don't be disappointed if holidays are not like they used to be. Each holiday is different and can be enjoyed in

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Lorna J. LaMotte Lorna J. LaMotte, 61, of

Grayling, died on December 22, 1998 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Lorna was born in Frederic on February 25, 1937 to Roy Newberry and Grace L. (Demaray) Newberry. She was a lifelong resident of Frederic and Grayling. She married Clarence I. LaMotte at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Gaylord on March 7, 1953. She was a homemaker and also co-owner and co-operator of the former Curly's Drive-In. Grayling. Mrs. LaMotte was a lifelong member of the RLDS Church in Grayling. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-mother, Lillian and her brother, Gerald Newberry.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence LaMotte, Grayling; one son, Duane (Brenda) LaMotte, Grayling; two daughters: Cindy (Tim) Calkins and Karon (Tim) Slane, both of Grayling; one sister, Betty (Merle) Howard of Warrensburg, Missouri; two brothers: Ken (Merna) Newberry of Frederic and Dan (Pat) Newberry of Gaylord; sister-inlaw, MayDell Newberry of Rochester; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral Services were held on December 26, 1998 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Elder Lacey Stephan Jr. and Elder Dennis Ormsbee officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family request memorials to the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Grayling.

Mary Lou (Dean) **Iverson**

Mary Lou (Dean) Iverson, 53, of Grayling, passed away on December 23, 1998 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

She was born in Grayling on March 27, 1945 to Raymond and Elsie (Galloway) Denno. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Crawford County.

Mrs. Dean was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Dean, her parents and a sister, Helen Brown.

She is survived by two daughters: Hannah King of Frederic and Eleanor Schnur of Kissimmee, Fla. She is also survived by four sons: Bruce Dean Jr. of Kissimmee, Fla.; Thomas Dean of Kincheloe.: Leland Dean of St. Cloud, Fla.; Kenneth Beck of Grayling.

Also surviving are three brothers: Raymond "Bud" Denno of Grayling; Thomas Denno of Frederic; George Denno of Luzerne; and 10 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Beaver Creek Cemetery in Beaver Creek Township.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

Linda L. Woodhams

Linda L. Woodhams, 60, a lifelong resident of Kalkaska, died on December 25, 1998, at her home.

Linda was born in Kalkaska County on March 29, 1938, she was the daughter of Edwin Fred and Clara May (Culliton) Gibbons. On December 4, 1976 she married Martin Woodhams.

A 1955 graduate of Kalkaska High School, Linda was formerly employed as an officer of the Grayling State Bank. She also worked as a bus driver for the Kalkaska Public Schools and an office professional for CH&P Trucking Division prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Kalkaska County Farm Bureau, and enjoyed gardening and paint-

She is survived by her husband, Martin Woodhams; a daughter, Sharon (Barry) Becker of Cassopolis; a stepson, Michael (Barbara) Woodhams of Kalkaska: two step-daughters: Michelle (Bob) Patton of Gladwin and Mona Kay Woodhams of Holt; two brothers: Pat (Denise) Gibbons of St. Cloud, Florida and Edwin (Bethel) Gibbons of Grand Rapids; a sister, Norberta Hatley of Kalkaska; and several grandchildren.

A brother, Carl, and a sister, Clara May, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on December 29, 1998 at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Kalkaska with Pastor David Rosenberg officiating. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery, Kalkaska.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Salvation Army.

AnnMarie A. Phillips

AnnMarie A. Phillips, 64, died on December 24, 1998 in Grayling. AnnMarie was born on February 4, 1934, in Pontiac, to Oscar Joseph Woodcum and Eva Mary LaFramboise. Mrs. Phillips formerly lived in Grayling before moving to Georgia. She moved back to Grayling fifteen years ago,

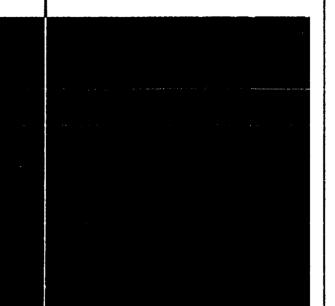
and was originally from Pontiac. She is survived by four daughters: Paula L. Collen of Grayling, Peggy Kay Stocker of Grayling, Cynthia Marie Reid of Bullhead City, Arizona, Claudette Anne Stocker of Grayling; one sister, Juliette McCarty of Pontiac; five brothers: Edgar Woodcum of West Palm Beach, Florida, Francis Woodcum of Ft. Pierce, Florida, Roger Woodcum of Mancelona, Richard Woodcum of Ft. Pierce, Florida, and Robert Woodcum of Oxford; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, December 30, 1998, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Pontiac. Visitation was held on December 28. 1998 at Sorenson Funeral Home. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Card of Thanks

Words alone could never express the gratitude for all of the compassion I received during the most devastating time of my life. Many heartfelt thanks to the EMS crews. doctors, nurses, staff, friends and neighbors too many to mention, but you all know who you are, who helped me get through this most difficult time.

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SPORTS

Varsity basketball tops Gaylord

by Caleb Casey staff Writer

The GHS Varsity Boys Basketball Feam beat the visiting Gaylord Blue Devils on Tuesday, December 22, y a final score of 85-78.

'Our kids did some nice things in his game," said Coach Rich Moffit. was very pleased with our work n the boards and the fact that we ommitted only 13 turnovers, which our lowest total thus far."

"Our kids also showed some pughness down the stretch by hiting some big free throws, and makng 27 out of 35 for the game," said coach Moffit.

The game was relatively close for he entire contest.

Grayling started off the game vell, with Nate Hinkle scoring the rst basket of the game on a twoanded slam dunk.

After a pair of free throws by linkle, Gaylord hit its first field oal of the game at the 5:55 mark. ave Hawkins then hit two consective three-pointers to put Grayling 10-2. Gaylord battled back, and ut the Grayling lead to one near the nd of the quarter, 16-15.

Eli Tobin put in a two-point buckand a pair of free throws to round ut the first period, giving Grayling 20-15 lead going into the second

Grayling maintained a small lead or most of the second period. Near e end of the quarter the Blue evils connected on a three-pointer to come within five, 35-30.

Grayling then scored five unanswered to round out the half, including a lay-up by Brad Ritter following a long pass by Nate Beckwith. and three free throws by Tobin.

Grayling led by ten at halftime,

The Blue Devils scored a quick 10 points after halftime to tie the game at 40-40, hitting two three-point shots and a pair of buckets inside.

Grayling countered with a threepointer by Beckwith and a score by Hawkins on a nice move to the hole, putting GHS back up by five, 45-40.

The Blue Devils dumped in two more triples in the period, but Grayling stayed ahead with accurate jump shots and strong moves to the basket.

Grayling led 62-51 going into the fourth quarter.

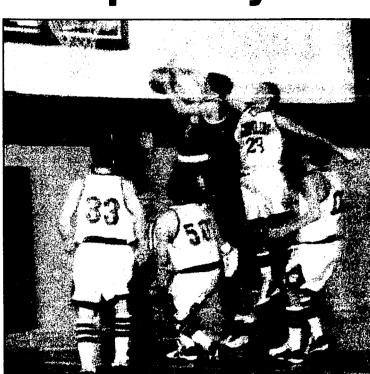
Gaylord ended up outscoring Grayling in the fourth period 27-23, but the 11 point cushion going into the period and clutch free throw shooting by the Vikings helped Grayling take the victory.

The Vikes were 15 of 18 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Early in the period Gaylord built up some momentum with an 8-0 scoring run.

Grayling got a couple back on a bucket inside by Hawkins and a pair of free throws by Hinkle.

With 1:35 left in the game Gaylord cut the Viking lead to four, 75-71, but was unable to gain any



Photos by Linda Golnick

UNDER THE BASKET -- Nate Hinkle (#23) goes up for a shot block attempt on a Gaylord shooter while his teammates get set for a rebound.

more ground than that. The Blue Devils had to foul, and the Vikes responded with accurate free throw shooting to seal the game.

After a last second three-pointer by Gaylord, the Vikings came away with an 85-78 win.

Hinkle led the Grayling scoring with 22 points. Hawkins also had a good game, posting another doubledouble. He scored 20 points and

brought down 13 rebounds. Tobin

added 15 points to the offensive

Hinkle and Tobin led the team in assists with five each, and in steals with four each.

During Christmas break the team will be taking trips to Flint and Central Michigan University.

When school starts back up, Varsity basketball will return to the court for a home game against Pinconning on Tuesday, January 5.

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JV team finishes strong to beat Devils

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

The Grayling High School JV Boys Basketball Team beat the visiting Gaylord Blue Devils on Tuesday, December 22, with a strong second half performance.

Grayling carried a slim onepoint lead into the third period, after being down 15-12 after one

Gaylord jumped out to an early 8-4 lead with a 7-0 scoring run in the first period. Grayling didn't shoot well in the first half, but stayed in the game with solid defense.

Turnovers also hurt the Vikings. Grayling started to take control of the game in the third period. For the first 3:24 of the third quarter the Vikings outscored Gaylord 9-2, with two buckets by Justin Neuberger, a steal and drive to the hoop by Brad Gorski, and a threepointer by Marcus Bobenmoyer.

Gaylord battled back for a while, but Grayling's offense managed to slowly rack up an 11 point lead by the end of the third,

The Vikings went on to dominate the fourth quarter, outscoring the Blue Devils 21-7.

Ryan Mahaffy had a good period with 13 fourth quarter points, including a three-point play and hitting on three of three free throw opportunities.

Mahaffy led the overall scoring with 24. Neuberger put in 16 points, and Bobenmoyer scored 10

The team will host Pinconning

Tip-off will be at





Photos by Linda Golnick

TOUGH DEFENSE -- Chris Youngblood and Brac Gorski attempt to trap a Gaylord opponent just past the half-court line.

GHS Freshmen Volleyball downed in first two series

by Caleb Casey **Staff Writer**

The Grayling High School Freshmen Volleyball Team opened its season with a home match against West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Monday, December

GHS lost a best of five series by scores of 9-15, 13-15 and 10-15.

On Wednesday, December 16, Grayling hosted the Gladwin

Grayling lost a best of three series by scores of 10-15 and 4-15.

"The girls are still learning the game and working on their skills," said Coach Tim Zigila. "Ogemaw

beat us with a couple of good 14-0 in the first game, but Liz servers, and for the Gladwin game we came out flat. We were down

Wheeler had a nice run of serves that kept us competitive."

The team's next game will be at home on Monday, January 4, against Tawas.



FRESHMEN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL -- (front row, left to right) Jenny Mastej, Bitsy Hellebuyck, Jessica Strait, Sheana McClain. (middle row, left to right) Liz Wheeler, Jennifer Pomeroy, Ashley Nelson, Heather LaVecchia. (back row, left to right) Coach Tim Zigila, Stephanie Peterson, Renee Kerr, Alexis Sumner, Christina Lockwood.

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Game #3 - Lange Vending 82 -Glens Market 68. Lange Vending: Croze - 33, Modica - 16, LaChapelle - 12. Glens Market: White - 24, Northrup - 15, Grant - 13.

Game #4 - Weyerhaeuser 65 -Charlies Plumbing & Heating 49. Weyerhaeuser: Trenary - 17, Keene - 14, Ruddy - 13. Charlies Plumbing & Heating: Mertes - 11, Baynham -

Standings after week #1:

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High scorer for week #1 was Ben Croze with 33 points.

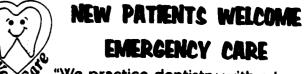
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8th grade 'white' downed by West Branch, Houghton Lake

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "White" Team started its '98-99 season with losses to West Branch and Houghton Lake.

The team's season opener was played on Monday, December 14, at West Branch. Grayling lost the game by seven points, 17-25.

Adam Kaiser led the scoring with 10 points. Danny Mahanny led the rebounding with six boards.

"The team did a great job all game," said Coach Craig Hofman. We were down 5-6 points, but pulled to within one with three minutes left on a Mahanny lay-up."

"We just ran out of energy," continued Hofman. "We did not shoot well. We missed several wide-open jump shots.

"Defense was good, and all of the players hustled," he said. "It will be hard to maintain a man-to-man defense and press an entire game with only six players, until we get into better shape."

Grayling's next game was played at home against Houghton Lake on Wednesday, December 16. Houghton Lake came out on top 29-17, despite a strong second half performance.

Kaiser racked up a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"We came out flat at home," said Coach Hofman. "Nerves probably played a part. We were down 17-4 at halftime."

"The kids got fired up at halftime and came out and played great

defense and started executing the offense," he said. "We actually won the second half 13-10, but once again with only six players the energy was not there to press the entire half to help complete a comeback."

hard all around, and Danny boards and Chris Newberry has Mahanny is improving every game," continued Hofman.

"Matt Strohpaul and Eric Hunter are working hard on defense. Chris on Wednesday, January 6.

"Adam Kaiser is working real Johns is doing awesome on the shown improvement in both games," he said.

The team travels to Roscommon



Team photos by Linda Golnick

GMS 8TH GRADE "WHITE" -- (back row, left to right) Mike Hartig, Chris Newberry, Dan Mahanny, Chris Johns. (front row, left to right) Adam Johns, Eric Hunter, Adam Kaiser, Coach Craig Hofman.

GMS 8th graders lose season opener to West Branch

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade "Green" Team lost its December 14 season opener in West Branch by a final score of

"I was very impressed with our overall effort," said Coach Dan Feldhauser. "All six of our kids played hard; however, fatigue was a major factor in the fourth quar-

"We just do not have the numbers to give everyone a break," he said.

John Baker led the Gravling scoring with 13 points. Chris Wakeley added eight points.

"James Lawrence and Travis Fagan had excellent defensive games," added Coach Feldhauser.

The team plays Roscommon on Wednesday, January 6, in Roscommon.



8TH GRADE "GREEN" -- (front row, left to right) Travis Fagan, Todd Gaffke, Chris Wakeley. (back row, left to right) James Lawrence, John Baker, James Kenney. Matt Strohpaul, Coach Dan Feldhauser.

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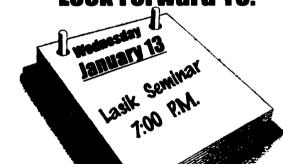
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Gravling 7th graders lose to West Branch

by Caleb Casey **Staff Writer**

The Grayling Middle School Branch. 7th grade "Green" Team lost to December 21, by a final score of seven apiece.

Pioneer League

Chemical Bank 42 - 18

Aunt Betty's. 37 - 23

Millikin's 34 - 26

Custom Interior 31 - 29

Ginger's 27 - 33

Lady Slippers 22 - 38

Mercy Hospital 16 - 44

188; G. Reichelderfer, 182.

510; J. Coors, 494.

High Game: J. Hinds, 194; T. Parker,

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McDonald's of Gaylord 4 - 0

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Chad Heisel and Roy Czapek West Branch on Monday, led the Grayling scoring with

Custom Interiors 2 - 2

R&M Masonry 1 - 3

Wakeley's Auto Parts 0 - 4

Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 217; R.

Adkinson & R. Pyle, 213; M.

Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 588; R.

Women's High Game: S. France, 224;

N. Glassee, 178; L. Dannenberg & B.

Women's High Series: S. France, 542;

L. Dannenberg, 500; J. Hinds, 493,

Pyle, 565; B. Nielson, 547.

McDonald's

Ashworth, 194.

Denton, 177.

"The team played good defense The game was played in West the whole game, but the ability to score dropped in the second half," said Coach Mark Hartman.

"The team hustled real well and played good defense, but missed some scoring opportunities in the second half," said Coach

Hartman. The team's next game will be at home on Wednesday, January 6, Waste Management 2 - 2 against the Roscommon Bucks.

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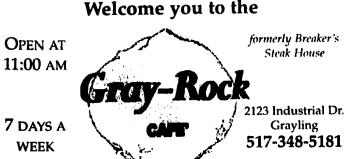
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The following is a special yearend edition of "Northern Notes."

This section was made possible by the advertisers who were willing to support it and the organizations who were willing to participate by sending us the information we requested.

The organizations that appear in this section (among others) were asked to submit an article or information about their 1998, a year-in-

(We apologize if we overlooked anyone while sending out the invita-

We specifically targeted local charities, governmental agencies and service organizations for this

The articles are intended as a way to look back on some of the things that various groups and organizations accomplished in Crawford County in 1998.

We hope you enjoy this special section. Those who participated had a lot to say about their year.

Have a safe and prosperous new

Kiwanis Club of Grayling

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling is in its 63rd year of community service and has now returned for its Monday noon meetings to the Shoppenagon's Inn, where it originally started meeting in 1935.

Meetings for the first part of 1998 were held at the Iron Gate Restaurant, and when the hotel reopened the club went back to its former meeting room. The club has met at other places throughout the years, but the majority of the time the meetings were held at the hotel. In the earlier years, the meetings were Monday evening dinner meet-

The club is proud of its many contributions to the programs in Grayling, most of which are associated with children's and young peoples' activities. In order to help support these programs, the club must

fund-raising have throughout the year.

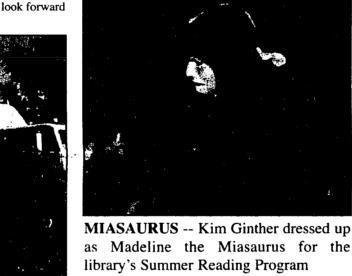
The most exciting event in 1998 was the Carson and Barnes Circus on August 31 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, which the club sponsored. Young and old alike were treated to elephant rides, feeding exotic animals, clowns, trapeze artists, balancing acts, and the usual cotton candy, among many other things. Excitement built as the circus trucks pulled into the fairgrounds in the early morning with people from Grayling and surrounding towns and busses of school children watching. Everyone watched as the elephants

helped to pull up the "big top." On December 4, a special Charter Night was held at the hotel when 32 members of the Key Club of Grayling High School, a

activities Kiwanis sponsored high school club, were inducted into membership. Even before the club was chartered they held a Pancake Supper fund-raiser at the Iron Gate Restaurant and have already "adopted" a family for Christmas. The Kiwanis Club members are very proud of their high school students and know that they will be a good influence to their peers and the community.

On the second weekend of December, the members were out with their annual Goodfellow Christmas newspaper, which is their last big fund-raising event for the year.

The Goodfellow paper has been an annual event in Grayling for over 20 years and something that many of the members look forward



library's Summer Reading Program

Crawford County Library

The Crawford County Library started 1998 with "Cabin Fever," sponsored by McDonald's of Grayling and Waters. Readers received one free coupon for McDonald's items per week with a different coupon offered each week. Cabin Fever ran until March.

Tax forms are always popular January through April. Reproducible forms are available for 25 cents a copy along with the free forms sent to the libraries by both the federal and state governments and Allen Lowe's office. Tax forms for past years were also available for 25 cents a copy.

"Safety Saturday" was April 18, with a bicycle helmet raffled off and visits by Sparky the Fire Pup, Smokey the Bear and McGruff the

In April we also had four students do job shadowing with library employees. We tried to give students a taste of how library work has changed with the addition of automation, on-line catalogs and the Internet, yet stayed the same with books.

June was the start of the Summer

DinoMite." Entertainers included juggler Ben Spitzer, Miasaurus Kim Ginther of Hollow Tree Productions, storyteller Jack Hickey and magician Gordon Russ.

In August Carol Nilsson, the Bear Lady, did a program entitled "Black Bears in Michigan." She has a display, slide show and discussed the habitat and habits of black bears, our neighbors.

Elizabeth Buzzelli also visited in August for a program on genealogy, called "Writing the Family History." She had the attendees writing and telling stories of their personal history and shared some of her own.

In September, the Crawford County Library started inter-library loaning with Northland Library Cooperative on the Internet. The official change to the Northland Library Cooperative wasn't effective until mid-October after approval by the Legislative Council.

Local historian Wendell Hoover visited the library playing the role of a Metis Indian. With the use of

Reading Program, "Reading is clothing, display of crafts, trade goods and weapons, Mr. Hoover discussed how the Metis influenced the fur trade of early Michigan.

> The winners of the November Children's Book Week Book Mark Contest were: Mitchell Alimenti, 3rd grade; Dayne Rohn, 3rd grade; Jessie Drouillard, 3rd grade; Mitchell Hernandez, 4th grade; Lahken Maher, 2nd grade; Joel Collin, 4th grade; Liz McLauglin, 4th grade; Matt Larson, 5th grade; Jennifer Emmons, 6th grade; Cody Bromley, 5th grade; Jordan Klemish, 4th grade; Scot Olson, 4th grade; Jason Renaud, kindergarten: Savannah Foguth, 1st grade; Bobby Hubbard, 2nd grade; Ian Donaldson, 1st grade.

> In December the library staff finished cleaning up the data base of books and materials owned by the

> This information was downloaded and added to the Northland Library Cooperative On-line Catalog available on the Internet from the Crawford County Library Homepage at www.grayling-mi. com/library.htm



Library photos courtesy of Tracie Compton

STORYTELLING -- Sean and Molly Coe sit with storyteller Jack Hickey.

Commission on Aging

CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN - The Grayling Kiwanis Club arranged to bring the Carson and Barnes Circus to town for one day late last summer. These elephants helped pull the ropes to erect the Big Top Tent on August 31 as hundreds of people watched.

Grayling Recreation Authority

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) Sports Programs, operated by Joe Lehman, were up overall in participation from last year. Girls Basketball enrollment was up by 73 players, while Boys Basketball lost 25 players.

Wrestling had 40 participants, and over 300 kids from Michigan schools competed in the tournament GRA held at the Grayling Middle School.

Forty children and their families participated in roller blade hockey this year. Women's Volleyball had four teams, and Charlie's Country won the Tournament.

Changes were made in the soccer programs. During the fall season coaches and referees were educated through Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports. GRA, along with "Soccer Moms and Dads," put together a Soccer Steering Committee.

The committee is responsible for decisions dealing with coaches, referees, rules, fields, sponsorships, equipment, banquets and fund raising. Anyone interested may join. Two hundred and sixty ive children participated in soccer his vear.

"Cheer America" had 35 girls etween 4-15 years of age. High

School girls pom pon performed at halftime of boy's basketball games. Forty two children participated in the golf program held at the Grayling Country Club. Tennis brought out 12 children for three

Men's Softball had six teams. Northwoods won both the league tournament and the All-Star game.

Co-Ed Softball was new this year. Four teams competed and Airway won the league.

A new fence has been put around the outfield and a tractor has been purchased to help with field maintenance.

Four teams participated in Men's Flag Football with "Skin's Team" winning the league.

In Youth Flag Football 40 children played.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery, which is also run by GRA, was open 108 days and reported 17,880 visitors in 1998.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME -- The Northwoods team continued its hot hitting in the Men's Softball All-Star Game. Northwoods won the game, and later the league championship.

Commission on Aging had provided 4,978 hours of homemaking services, 760 hours of respite, 459 personal care hours. 36,503 meals-on-wheels and 13,172 meals at the center.

The Commission on Aging has been in service for over 25 years. Crawford County has approximately 3,292 seniors living in the area.

Forty-three percent of the seniors are frail and low income; 20% of the seniors have no family living in the area to check on them daily; 68% of these are elderly, single persons living on a fixed income and many of the widows have little more than social security to sustain their immediate needs.

Through the services we offer, we can provide help to seniors in maintaining a quality lifestyle to live independently in their own homes, so they can live with selfrespect and status as a senior citi-

Our services are based on need, not on income. We do appreciate any contributions for services. The contributions we receive help us stay within our budget.

At the center this past year we have hosted many different activities, including special dinners, card clubs, pantry bingo and outings, in addition to "just being there" for seniors.

Through fund-raisers we raised enough money to purchase a video camera, and with the help of Weyerhaeuser and the Eagles we

By the end of our fiscal year were able to purchase a new dou- emphasize is that the center is here (September 30, 1998) the ble-door freezer and refrigerator.

Aging that we would like to a fixed income.

for all senior citizens living in the One issue at the Commission on Grayling Housing Complex or on



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

SENIOR VOLUNTEER RECOGNIZED - In 1998. COA volunteer Eva Hulbert (right) was recognized for her longtime services by Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, (left) and Governor John Engler (not shown).

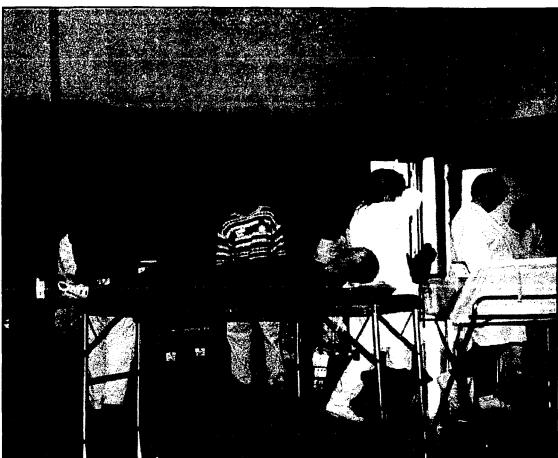


Photo by Caleb Casey

BLOOD DONORS -- The Red Cross puts on numerous blood drives during the year, including this one at Grayling High School in May.

Red Cross

1998 has been an exciting year for the Red Cross. In Crawford County we were able to expand our services in every aspect.

Our goal for the year was to expand the capabilities within the chapter's northern lower Michigan jurisdiction. The people of Crawford County have helped in this goal, which resulted in more accessibility to Red Cross services in Crawford County and its surrounding areas.

Our disaster response efforts included helping the victims of home fires and developing agreements with local organizations in preparation for a major disaster.

The big event for our chapter was the windstorm in August that devastated Gaylord for a period of

The response from Crawford County disaster volunteers was a huge help in the relief effort. Onehundred percent participation by

these volunteers was achieved. This is an indication that the consolidation of the 12 counties in northern lower Michigan into one chapter was a valid plan. Consolidating the expertise and resources of the many trained volunteers in our area helped us to support an operation this size.

It took 31 trained volunteers over a week to service 19 families who sought help after the Gaylord windstorm. We were able to handle the operation with local resources, without the outside help of the national Red Cross. We are proud of this accomplishment and are working hard to expand our capabilities to respond to any major disaster event that may hit our area.

Health and Safety services are more accessible than ever before. People can access Red Cross Programs by contacting the office an Authorized Provider. Authorized Providers in the area include Mercy Hospital and Northflight EMS.

New programs have been intro-

duced in Gravling, including Babysitter's Training, Sports Safety Training and Emergency Response.

Instructor development has increased the number of instructors by 85 percent. We hope to continue the growth of programs and instructors this next year.

Armed Forces Emergency Services and International Tracing have continued with no breakdowns in communication. We had one family that was reunited with family members in Russia. That was a rare service, and one that we were very excited to be involved

Blood services have collected above goal, and the Red Cross is very impressed with the giving nature of the people in Crawford

Our office is now located in the Grayling Mini Mall. We are able to provide training there and provide customer support on a regular

Grayling Promotional Association

The goals of the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) are to work cooperatively for the benefit, education and promotion of the community of Grayling, to increase cooperation and awareness between the business community and the community in general, and to increase awareness and concern between the members of GPA.

In 1998, GPA had another busy year to that effect.

GPA organized and ran several events throughout the year, including the Pictionary Olympics, a Memorial Day weekend Garage Sale fundraiser, the AuSable River Festival concession stand in the City Park, and the fifth annual Breakfast with Santa.

The association donated money for several area projects, such as the "Grayling Thanks You" sign at South I-75 and flowers along the I-75 Business Loop and near the museum.

In May GPA celebrated its birthday with "Bring a friend to lunch day," the election of officers, the fifth annual "Treasure Trade" party, and a speech by out-going president Betty Bennett.

The newly-elected officers took over in June. They are: president Marianne Gosnell, president-elect Carolyn DiPonio, secretary Mary Jo Bickmann and treasurer Deb

GPA participated in two Fourth of July parades this year: the American Legion Auxiliary parade and the Industrial Park parade.

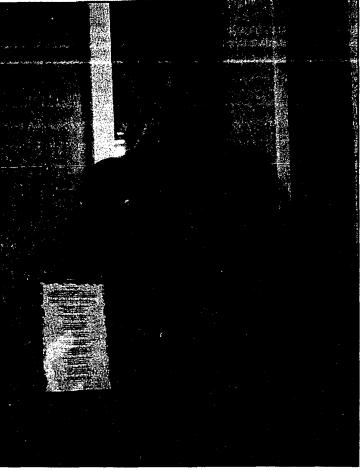
In October GPA sponsored Business After Hours and announced Marianne Gosnell as the GPA Woman of the Year.

Other notable events that GPA participated in this year include: organizing and sponsoring the AuSable River Festival Parade, a chili cook-off during the Winter Wolf Festival, putting up fall decorations around town, repainting the sign at the museum, making cookies for the United Way Auction, singing at businesses during the Christmas Walk, encouraging businesses to put up white lights for the

holidays, and choosing Silver Lining Award nominees.

GPA also purchased AuSable River Festival Welcome banners to be used in town during the annual festival, and winter welcome banners for after the holidays.

In addition, GPA welcomed several new members to the associa-



WOMAN OF THE YEAR -- Marianne Gosnell was named the GPA Woman of the Year for 1998.

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The Knights of Columbus of Grayling had another banner year of charity and service to church and community in 1998, which culminated in earning the National Star Council award for outstanding performance as a council.

Grand Knight Joe Pencak stepped down this year after successfully leading the Knights for the last four years. Pencak passed the leadership role to Grand Knight Bill Ruddy.

Highlights of the year include a very successful Tootsie Roll Sale in April to raise funds for COOR and local Special Olympics, financial support for needy families in the community, our annual fundraising Golf Outing with the Houghton Lake Council, the Special Olympics Canoe Race, donation of the Council hall for the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner,

for children from dysfunctional families.

Of the 3,000 boys and girls in Boysville in Michigan, 800 are from the Diocese in Gaylord.

The Officers and Knights appreciate the support of the entire community for its support of weekly Bingo, the monthly Fish Fry and the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Without your support we would be unable to provide for the chari-

AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association

and substantial financial support for

Boysville, a statewide group home

Association (AVSA) has had a busy and productive 1998.

A significant portion of the AVSA's efforts this year have

A handful of AVSA volunteers put in over 600 hours brushing, signing and grading to get the trails

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile involved preparing the association's ready for the '98-99 snowmobile season. The trail preparation work was all done at the expense of AVSA, since DNR funding shortfalls didn't allow for payment this

> One of the biggest developments for the AVSA was the purchase of a new, 130-horsepower Holland tractor, which the association volunteers used in part to help with the trail preparation. The tractor is also equipped with a drag for trail grooming.

The AVSA officially adopted a slogan this year: "Volunteers for better trails." AVSA is an all-volunteer operation.

The association, in its fifth year of operation, also came up with a mission statement this year: "To provide the community and the snowmobiling public with an expanded, improved, user friendly and safer trail system."

The AVSA got the Frederic Trail back from the DNR, bringing the total miles of AVSA-maintained trails up to 50.

In addition to grooming and maintaining trails, the AVSA has a serious role in working with the Sheriff's Department and ambulance services to conduct search and rescue operations.

The association was involved in a couple rescue situations last winter, and will continue to work in that capacity this snowmobile season.

AVSA put out its second annual Grayling Area Snowmobile Map, and is selling tickets for its annual Kitty Cat raffle. The association is working on a few family snowmobiling activities, and continues to be involved in the process to get a trail through downtown Grayling.



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Beaver Creek Township

1998 has been a year of change for this township.

Two very notable changes were in the way of personnel.

Terry McGregor, our former treasurer, left the community for a similar job in the City of Grayling. Vivian Balmes was chosen by the Board to replace Terry. She has proven to be an excellent choice.

Vivian has learned the job quickly and has shown the ability to make good decisions. Her greatest assets are her charm, intelligence and ambition. We welcome Vivian and look forward to a long and successful working relationship with her.

The second personnel change was our Township Assessor. Clayton McGovern replaced Mike Van Wormer in July. Mike served the Township well during the nine years of his employment.

Clayton is assisted in his new position by his wife Vicki. He has proven to be very knowledgeable and innovative. One of the innova-

For Frederic Township, 1998 was

a year that contained some fortunate

One of the sadder events was

when the township board had to

accept the resignation of 16-year

trustee Betty Sajdak due to illness.

Trustee Sajdak for many years was

one of the driving forces in convinc-

ing the rest of the board members

that Frederic Township should take

over the duties of Building and

She would routinely make a point

at board meetings that money from

building permits in Frederic should

stay in Frederic, and also that zon-

ing issues would be better dealt with

RoseAnn Owens was appointed

to fill Betty's seat, in which Owens

has fulfilled all of the obligations of

her new position in a selfless effort.

The November election gave the

on a local level.

Zoning within this community.

and unfortunate changes.

Frederic Township

tions he offers is a toll free number to his home office, which allows him to serve the people of Beaver Creek even when he is not in the township. Mr. McGovern is usually the Township Office on Wednesday mornings, stop in and

During the course of the year a great deal of time and energy goes into making the annual picnic happen. 1998 was no exception. This year's picnic committee deserves a pat on the back for a job well done.

The highlight was serving approximately 400 people barbecued chicken and all of the fixings to go along with it.

The day was full of activities that people have come to expect at one of our picnics. In the evening, a new feature was having a live band to play for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

In the past the picnic was limited to only people with connections to Beaver Creek, but the evening's

same seat in one year, when Karen

Bindschatel won the remainder of

On June 8, 1998, Sajdak, though

no longer a board member, got her

wish when Frederic Township took

over the zoning and the issuing of

all building, electrical, mechanical

years that asked for this service. At

the township office we have letters

of complaints going back to the

early eighties over such things as

zoning regulations that do not fit the

area, old dilapidated buildings, too

much junk and old cars that have

es in the the area of old buildings

and the cleaning up of junk. To date,

with the cooperation of property

owners, we have demolished four

dilapidated houses and removed

We have had some major success-

been up on blocks for years.

There were many people over the

Saidak's term.

and plumbing permits.

activities were open to everyone.

The main reason our picnic has continued to grow and prosper is because of support from our sponsors and contributors. We hope they know how much we appreciate their generosity and look forward to an even bigger and better picnic next

1998 has been a year of change for Beaver Creek, but may have only been a preview of what is to come. This community will always have potential. In the next year we may begin to realize some of that

For those people who like change, 1999 may just be the year that we have been waiting for.

This township stands ready for growth and looks forward. We have an obligation to plan for that growth and are taking that obligation seriously. We also must remember to preserve the natural beauty that makes this area so desirable.



BED RACE -- The Grayling Area Visitor's Council sponsored this year's "Bed Race," which took place in downtown Grayling during the AuSable River Festival. Six groups from area businesses competed, with the *Hardbodyz* team taking top honors.

Grayling Area Visitor's Council

The public response seems to be mostly positive to the changes and we will continue to move in this

direction as long as the public support is there. Another positive change is the fact that the worst portion of Cameron Bridge Road (Indian Hill)

campers

is now on the Road Commission for Crawford County's agenda for the spring of 1999 to be paved with

The approval of this project has been a long time coming and would not have been so without citizens like Mark Lawe, Karen Nelson and Irvin Stieve, who attended many Road Commission and township board meetings. It was their persistence in this matter that convinced the Road Commission, Frederic Township and property owners on the road that it was everyone's obligation to finance the project.

The Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) continued to promote Crawford County as a recreational destination throughout 1998 in various ways.

The first edition of the Grayling Lodging and Attractions, a 48page full color brochure, hit the display racks in January. The 50,000 copies have been distributed through the Welcome Centers in Michigan, direct mail, and travel service distribution. A new brochure will be available in January.

Advertising space was purchased and ads were designed for the Booth 8 Newspapers, Michigan Living, Indiana Snow Rider, Michigan Snowmobile News Quest, and Michigan Snowmobiler publications.

The trade show booth and area representatives went to the Grand Center Sport, Fishing and RV Show, and the Barry County and Novi Snowmobile Shows.

The Visitors Council arranged for a mountain bike race to come to Hanson Hills, which was held in June. With the help of local sponsors, the event was very success-

ful. The bikers will be back in June of 1999.

The GAVC has been a proud donor to the canoe marathon and the Grayling Uptown District Association's antique car show.

In 1998 the council also sponsored the bed race during the AuSable River Festival. Spectators lined the west end of Michigan Avenue to watch teams of five (one on the bed, four pushing the bed) maneuver the race course. Plans are underway for the 1999 race.

Other activities of the Grayling Area Visitors Council in 1998 included membership in the West Michigan Tourist Association. Michigan Association Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Snowmobile Association, Michigan Hotel and Motel Association, the Nordic Ski Council, and the AuSable Valley

Snowmobile Association. The GAVC was represented at the Michigan Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus Conference Educational January, the West Michigan September and the Northern Michigan Legislators Conference on Tourism at Garland in

Grayling is a member of the Travel Michigan Snowmobile Task Force, which designs the marketing strategy for snowmobiling throughout the State of Michigan.

With the continuing support of our web site provider, the homepage at www.grayling-mi.com was greatly improved. More information about the area can be obtained by visiting the site. Over 2,000 "hits" per month are generated from the web site, and numerous e-mail requests are processed.

Weather information is updated frequently depending on changing conditions. The same holds true for snowmobile trails, cross country ski trails, fishing and hunting conditions.

The Grayling Area Visitors Council office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m. If you need information, please call 348-4945 or send e-mail to: visi-Tourist Association Conference in tor@grayling-mi.com.

township its third trustee for the several old mobile homes and

Road Commission

The Road Commission for Crawford County worked on and planned several projects this year.

The Road Commission accepted bids in January for the Townline Bridge project in Lovells. The bid was awarded to Cordes Excavating, which finished the bridge in June. The bridge was opened for traffic on June 11, and the board was pleased with the results of the construction.

The temporary bridge structure that had been at the Townline location was moved to Wilcox, upgrading the Wilcox Bridge to 20-ton capacity.

The Road Commission for Crawford County worked with MDOT in October on the James Street repaying project, which resulted in the resurfacing of James Street from Huron Street to M-72.

The planning of future projects has been a major part of the Road

Commission's 1998. Major developments that are being actively worked on for the near future include North Down River Road repaying, Cameron Bridge Road work and Old 27 repairs.

North Down River Road resurfacing has been a top priority all year, and the plans and the project funding are finally starting to come

Frederic Township passed a special assessment in order to help fund the cost of the Cameron Bridge Road project, which is expected to take place early next

Funding was secured for repairs to a stretch of Old 27 (from the high school to County Road 612) at the Regional Task Force Meeting. which distributes federal road money to area road commissions and transit authorities. The Old 27 project should begin in the year

The Road Commission saw a couple major changes in personnel this year, specifically, with its Managing Director position.

On May 28 the Commission Board voted 2-1 to fire Managing Director James Briney following a special hearing on May 21. The board filled the vacant Managing Director position on November 25, when it hired Don Babcock, Superintendent of the Roscommon Road Commission.

Vice-Chairman Robert Nelson was re-appointed on December 8 by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to serve another six years on the Road Commission Board.

The Road Commission purchased some new equipment this year, including six new trucks, and has stockpiled ample salt and sand for the upcoming winter.



Photo by Caleb Casey

WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE -- The Townline Bridge in Lovells was opened for traffic on Tuesday, June 11.



May this New Year be a holiday to remember, filled with the charm of new-found hope and happiness. Our gratitude to the kind, generous people we serve.

Happy New Year! OLD KENT

Chamber of Commerce

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce had another busy year. Improvements were made to the surrounding of the building with a new lawn, new sprinkler system. and newly painted sign. The goal was to make the office look attractive and inviting to our members and visitors alike.

The Chamber of Commerce participates in numerous events throughout the year. Business After Hours take place almost every month and provide a networking opportunity for everyone.

January brought the \$10,000 Chamber Challenge Raffle. Awards are given that night for Citizen of the Year. Athena Award, and Silver Lining. The Silver Lining award goes to a member building owner who made exterior improvements to their business location.

The Chamber co-sponsored the 2nd Annual Grayling Pride Week. The enthusiasm was wonderful. The cleanup activities took place throughout the week and again a day was set aside for an organized effort to get areas that still needed

Of course, Crawford County residents and visitors alike look forward to the last full weekend in July when the AuSable River Festival takes place. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Arts and Crafts show held in the City Park. Close to 150 crafters and artisans displayed their wonderful talents in this event. Along with that show, the Chamber assists in coordinating the other activities surrounding the Festival.

Immediately following the Festival, the Chamber sponsored its first Candidates Forum. Two separate programs were conducted. The first panel was made up of five of the candidates for Michigan House of Representatives. The second section consisted of 15 candidates for Crawford County Board of Commissioners. Plans are under way to sponsor another forum in the year 2000.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, along with the Chambers from Roscommon and

Ogemaw counties, worked together with Kirtland Community College to sponsor two more series of the "Stepping Stones to a Successful Business" classes.

Topics ranged from writing business plans to marketing plans and strategies. Instructors taught classes that relate to their own vocation. The classes are designed for anyone interested in starting a business and those already in business wishing to improve some of their skills. Information on this continuing program is available at the Chamber

In September, the Chamber of Directors held their annual strategic planning session. The number one issue was discovering a new identity for the community. Discussion has taken place about the Indian in the canoe logo and the "Heart of the North" slogan.

Some suggestions have been submitted and a committee is being formed to investigate options. Also high on the list of Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors priorities was building cooperation with government and bridging member and Board communica-

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00

If you wish to inform us of an activity or event, are a member who wants to link to the Grayling Internet home page, or need information call 348-2921. The e-mail address is chamber@grayling-mi.



Photo by Chervil Ruley

BEAUTIFICATION - Tina Hamilton of the Chamber of Commerce and Carl Craft owner of the North Country Lodge help beautify Grayling by planting petunias on June 4.

Grayling Uptown District Association

The mission statement of the trians using the downtown area. Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) is as follows: "We will work with other organizations in focusing on the preservation, improvement and beautification of the Grayling business district while providing a healthy business climate that will inspire a sense of pride and draw new business to the

Members of the business district and other organizations in Gravling work together to achieve the above goal. GUDA has accomplished many things over the past year.

During the winter months GUDA, for the first time, took on the project of snow removal on the sidewalks in the downtown area.

GUDA felt that it was important to ensure that large amounts of snow accumulation be removed to ensure the ease and safety of pedes-

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ject and we are ready for the snow. In March GUDA hosts its annual dinner. This is a chance for all members and others who have worked with GUDA over the past year to come together for recognition. It is

owners to show their appreciation to their employees.

During the warmer summer months GUDA's concerns include beautification with "Grayling Clean-Up Week" and the maintenance and upkeep of the planters in the downtown area, the annual car show during the AuSable River Festival, and the sidewalk sales in

Sidewalk sales are now occurring at the same time as the Crawford County Historical Society's "Heritage Days."

Moving on to the Christmas season, GUDA is responsible for the annual "Christmas Egg" each year depicting special features of the Grayling area. Over the years this egg has become a popular and collectable item.

GUDA also hosts two other also an opportunity for business events during the Christmas season: the annual Christmas Walk and the Home Tour.

> The Christmas Walk occurs in late November and is always a fun and exciting event.

The Home Tour is held the first Sunday in December and is always great fun, with each of the participating home owners doing a wonderful job of decorating their homes for the Christmas season.

GUDA prides itself on working with others in the community and would like to welcome all to become involved with GUDA.



Hanson Hills (GRA)

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) struggled with operations at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park. Cross Country Skiing could not open until January 10 and Family Fun Night was canceled. Luckily, six inches of snow fell just days before the Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic races allowing approximately 300 Nordic skiers to compete in these two events.

By February, enough snow blanketed the ground. The Winter Wolf Festival experienced blustery winter conditions. Highlights of the Festival were the business Olympics Seat Ski Demos, a Chili Cook Off and an array of competitions such as downhill races, snowboard competitions, and kids

The new ice rink, made possible by the Lions Club, was open only four short weeks due to unseasonably warm weather. The rink has been resurfaced, will have a fence around it and has been lit up due to Lions Club generosity.

Ski School was plagued with lesson cancellations. Fortunately all canceled lessons were made up before the snow melted for the season. One hundred and sixty three people participated in a class offered by the ski school.

El nino was not kind to Hanson Hills. Because of last year's short season. GRA felt it appropriate to offer customers, past and present, more at lower prices. This season GRA opened 2.288 feet of terrain called the "Outback." The Outback is a day area located just beyond the Back Trail.

Many improvements were made to the lodge, including new paint, a remodeled lobby, recovered chairs,

Due to the unfavorable weather in and other renovations. GRA has also made efforts to better accommodate their customers. New cash registers will speed processing as well as count and record skier numbers. Prices for memberships were slashed. Members will find a member window open in order to process them faster. So far, memberships are up 21% from last season.

Improvements have also been made to the Fred Bear Memorial Building. Thanks to the Grayling Baptist Church, the building has been painted and new carpet has been installed.

GRA has made arrangements to entertain customers. This season look for musicians, comedians, magicians and various other performances at Hanson Hills.

Jazz Ave. recently played at the annual Open House and is scheduled to play more dates throughout the winter.

New promotions such as the Family Learn To Ski Package. listed in Ski magazine as one of the nation's best bargains, includes (limit family of six) equipment rental, tow ticket and a one hour ski lesson for only \$92.

"Eight is Great Nights" are Thursday and Friday evenings. Purchase a tow ticket for \$8. Rent equipment for \$8. Sign up for a group lesson for only \$8. Ski till 8 p.m., and if you are the eighth customer ski free.

Changes were made in the lines of authority at GRA. Jessica McClain was promoted to Program Administrator and Dale Metzer was hired as the Director of Maintenance and Ski Operations.

A Summer Drug and Alcohol awareness camp was made possible by the Crawford AuSable Schools Community Task Force mini-grant.

Some highlights from the camp included visitors from the Shenif's Department, library, and outdoor enthusiasts including "Mother Nature."

Approximately 400 people enjoyed Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Easter Egg Hunt. Kite Day was held in Grayling and Frederic, About 90 children enjoyed free kites and refreshments.

The 20 volunteers we had at Hanson Hills for GRAS Community Clean Up Day were a big help. The garden around the flag pole, donated by the "Beyond the Garden Wall" Garden Club. brightened the Hanson Hills entrance. Volunteers also added another mile loop to the mountain bike trail.

New this year was the Hanson Hills Mountain Bike Challenge Two hundred and fifty racers came to compete in various events including a "get twisted" downhill slalom

Michigan Traditional Bowhunters hold their annual Jamboree at Hanson Hills each June. The Jamboree brings about 2000 visitors. There are archery shoots, vendors, kids games and much more.

Soggy weather didn't keep children from enjoying Spookfest '98 at Hanson Hills. Approximately 400 children enjoyed candy, games contest and a Haunted Hallway created by the Snowboard Club.

Director. Cindy Olson said, "We are very excited about the progress we have made this year and look forward to our future."

GRA now has a web page. For more information regarding Grayling Recreation Authority programs, events or facilities go to www.hansonhills.org or send e-mail to hanhills@mich.com.



HANSON HILLS HAUNTING - Many Grayling High School students earned community service hours by volunteering to create the annual Spookfest haunted house and work as ghoulish characters during hours of operation. Funds raised from admissions to the haunted house went to the new Snowboard Club.

R.O.O.C., Inc.

rehabilitation organization governed by the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education. The letters in our name represent the counties we typically provide services in: Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon.

ROOC's mission is to ensure all individuals with disabilities receive comprehensive, efficient, and integrated community employment choices and services that maximize individual independence.

As the year 1998 began, staff and consumers continued to prepare for national accreditation through CARF, the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission.

In April, the CARF surveyors arrived and conducted the accreditation survey. Six weeks later, ROOC received notification that a Three-Year Accreditation was awarded, which represents the highest level of accreditation achievable.

The accredited services included **Employment Services, Community** Employment Services. Organizational Employment Services, and Community Support

R.O.O.C., Inc. is a community Services: Personal, Social and Community Support Services. ROOC has received this level of

accreditation for six consecutive surveys over a period of 18 years.

During the spring, ROOC's consumers and staff elected to enroll in Adopt-A-Road program. Approximately 10 miles of roadway in Roscommon County was assigned. Consistent with our mission, this opportunity allows individuals with disabilities opportunities to access the community and to demonstrate their contributions to the community. The assignment requires roadway clean-up in the spring and fall.

The week of October 11-17 marked "Investing in Ability Week" (IAW). IAW began in Michigan in 1988 as a means of making employers aware of the skills that people with disabilities possess, and that employment of these individuals makes good business sense.

During this week ROOC hosted a breakfast for area businesses that employ individuals with disabilities. Several local businesses attended.

At the close of the year, ROOC, 517-275-5137, ext. 234.

via the COOR ISD Board of Education, selects an individual to receive the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award. This award is given to an individual for his commitment in working with, supporting and/or promoting the community integration of individuals with disabilities.

For 1998, F/Lt James F. Mueller of the Houghton Lake State Police Post was selected as the recipient of the award. F/Lt Mueller has provided support to individuals providing janitorial services at the Houghton Lake Post under contract with ROOC for nearly 12 years.

Over the course of the year, ROOC, in partnership with many local employers, placed and maintained several individuals in various jobs either directly for the employers or through contact with ROOC.

ROOC appreciates the many Grayling area businesses, past and present, that have provided employment opportunities and invested in the abilities of the citizens of our community.

For more information regarding this program please contact us at

Historical Museum

The Crawford County Historical Society, Inc., which is responsible for the operation of the Crawford County Historical Museum, is a totally volunteer organization that was formed in 1972 during the

centennial year of Grayling.

The original museum was near the library and is now on the grounds of the museum and houses military memorabilia. In 1985 the depot became the museum

facts has continued to increase.

The museum has had a very successful year. It hosted its First Annual Heritage Day on August 8, and it was a very successful and enjoyable day. Besides the "overthe-fence" bake sale there were 'women's work" areas and "men's work" areas demonstrating many

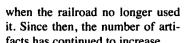
Over 300 people visited the museum that day and observed the demonstrators. It is expected that this tradition will continue and expand each year, with the 1999 Second Annual Heritage Day scheduled for the third weekend in August in conjunction with 'Sidewalk Sales" in the business

The museum is visited by people from many states and many foreign countries during its summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It was open for the "Thank You, Grayling, Day" in October and the Christmas Walk in November.

Another first for this year is the new web page that Ken Wright has constructed for us. At the present time it contains the contents of the brochure from the museum and the contents of the newsletter that was mailed out in October.

The opening page contains the pen and ink sketch that was done by Thomas Welsh II in 1967 as well as museum hours and other information.

For those of you that have email, the address is http: //www.grayling-area. corn/museum. Please take a look and see what a great website Ken did for



tions to the quality of life in area. Crawford County in 1998. This was our 27th year of service to the com-

> The 60 members of the club worked together to raise funds, which were used for projects to lowing organizations during 1998:

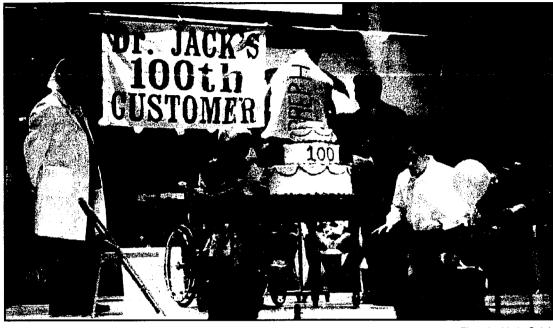
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Grayling Rotary Club

We raised money with our annual golf outing, minstrel show, calendar sale, and the sale of chicken dinners before the canoe marathon start.

We provided money to the fol-

Boy Scouts, \$425; Boys/Girls State, \$425; Camp Emery, \$150; Canoe Marathon, \$500; Crawford County Fair, \$1,000; college scholarships, \$4,500; school projects, \$2,350; Special Olympics, \$200; Youth Exchange, \$500; Mercy Hospital, \$1,000; Christian Help Center, \$2,000.



ROTARY MINSTREL SHOW - The Grayling Rotary Club presented a wildly hilarious minstrel show in March that included lampoons of Dr. Kevorkian and Fidel Castro.

Kirtland Community College

"It has been a year of self-examination," said Kirtland Community College (KCC) President Dorothy N. Franke. "We've been conducting a self-study of our operations for more than a year, to help us prepare for an extensive examination and on-site visit in February 1999 by the North Central Association, a task we undergo every 10 years to maintain our accreditation."

"The NCA looks at all our operations," continued Franke, "staff, faculty, academic requirements, the curriculum, fiscal responsibility, and institutional effectiveness. It's quite a job; we have to ask ourselves some very tough questions and we may not always like the answers. But that's how we

Self-examination did not slow progress at Kirtland. Enrollment reached more than 3,150. More than 250 students graduated with Associate Degrees and Certificates. Regional Police Kirtland's Academy held its sixth and seventh Corrections Officers Academy

District voters elected three new members to the College's Board of Trustees, which in turn named a new chairperson, Ken Roberts.

President Franke was selected to speak at Oxford University in England.

The college began construction of its \$7.4 million building expansion program to provide more than 50,000 square feet of new classroom and laboratory space.

KCC welcomed visitors from

Beijing Union University in China and entered into a faculty/student exchange program. Kirtland received more than

\$138,000 in state-funded scholarship grants for students pursuing training for skilled technical jobs.

KCC helped write a grant for and entered into an agreement to build and operate a \$5.2 million Technical Training Center Task Force, If funded by the state, the center will pro-

vide training to help meet northern Michigan's need for skilled employ-

Kirtland's Center for the Performing Arts provided 12 months of top-rated professional entertainment and scores of performances for 6,500 elementary children throughout its four-county district.

The College presented another year of its Controlled Burn Reading series, featuring nationally acclaimed poets and authors. Its academic and occupational programs continued to flourish.

Kirtland looked in the mirror in 1998. Questions were asked in a 400-resident sample public opinion phone survey, and again during a focus group meeting of area media representatives, to learn what people think about the college, and how it can improve its programs and services. For the most part, the answers returned were very positive.

It was a good year, with good things done.

Christian Help Center

OLD WORLD CRAFTSMANSHIP - Jim Carmean

demonstrates the art of chair caning during Heritage Days

at the Crawford County Historical Museum last August.

1998 was our sixth year serving an average of 40 clients per month with emergency food and referrals to other agencies.

In April we served "Easter Basket Fixins" for 83 children. The project was done in cooperation with Kiwanis.

In May we were asked by the AuSable Ministerial Association to administer its Emergency Funds. We had been looking for ways to expand our services and assumed this responsibility at the end of

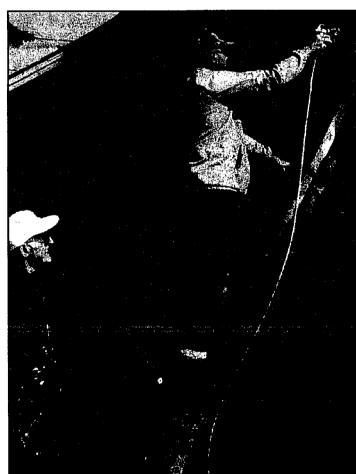
Since the beginning, one of our goals has been to have our own building. In September we found an older building at 300 Huron Street that we could afford.

The Board of Directors voted to buy it following discussion and researching of options.

On October 5 we signed the papers and began renovation immediately. After just five weeks of hard work we moved in on November 9.

This event was brought about with team work from our Board of Directors, various volunteers, the Crawford AuSable Building Trades Class and a great deal of support from the community.

We close our year by administering the "Crawford County Community Service" Christmas Project for the sixth year.



QUICK COVER-UP – Bruce Schroeder shows his expertise with a paint spray gun at the new home of the Christian Help Center. Vic Johnson supervises.



Christian Help Center photos by Cheryll Ruley

GETTING STARTED - Just as soon as the deal was signed, students from the Building Trades classes at Grayling High School got to work at the new Christian Help Center.



South Branch Township

In May of 1998 South Branch applicants. Township Supervisor Arlen Huffman surprised his township by resigning after 12 and-a-half years of service.

Huffman's position was filled on June 1, 1998, by Joe Myers, who was chosen from a list of seven

One of the most significant developments for the township was the refuse contract, which expired in December.

With the significant cost increase, the Township Board decided it had to go to a refuse fee

The South Branch Fire and Ambulance Department is in the process of constructing a new addition to the Fire Hall. The construction project will create a larger meeting room, office and drivethrough bay.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

NEW DEVELOPMENT – South Branch Township saw the groundbreaking of a new gated community on August 20, called *Forest Dunes*. Shown, from left, are: Tom Lammy, MD; Jim Tobin, Director of Sales; Tom Weiskopf, golf pro; Tom Barrett, developer.

Michigan Works!

to the Grayling Michigan Works! Service Center with the addition of a self-service labor exchange, Bank/Job Bank.

The Service Center is staffed to assist job seekers in finding employment, aid employers in filling jobs, and assist those receiving unemployment insurance.

Access Michigan Rehabilitation and Veterans Services are also available.

At the Grayling Michigan Works! Service Center you'll find a self-service resource room, access to labor market information, the Michigan Occupational Information System (MOIS), resume and cover letter writing software, job orders, job search information, workplace accommodation information, workplace safety information and America's Talent Bank/Job Bank.

The Grayling Michigan Works! Service Center also administers the

The year 1998 brought a change Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and Welfare Reform programs at the local level.

JTPA programs offer classroom which utilizes America's Talent training, customized training programs, work experience, on-thejob training and job search assistance. JTPA was established in 1983 to prepare youth, adults and seniors for entry into the labor market leading to permanent employment, with emphasis on disadvantaged individuals and laid-off workers.

Welfare Reform programs offer individuals training in job-seeking skills and several employment training options.

These programs include Work First, launched in 1994 to provide welfare recipients with skills leading to immediate employment. The Food Stamp and Non-Custodial Parent Programs were recently added to aid those receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) with job search assistance.

Michigan Works! Service Centers in northeast Michigan are overseen by an Administrative Board of elected officials. The Board appoints community business leaders as well as representatives of labor, job service, economic development, rehabilitation, social services and communitybased organizations to the area Workforce Development Board

The WDB provides guidance and insight into the needs of the labor market, provides independent oversight, and develops measurable policies and goals for workforce development efforts in northeast Michigan.

Michigan Works! Service Centers are committed to providing continuing customer satisfaction, accessibility and collaboration with other agencies.

The Michigan Works! Service Center in Grayling is located at 2405 South Grayling Road. Phone is (517) 348-8709.

Crawford County United Way

Crawford County United Way board president Jerry Gosnell announced today that the current campaign, which will continue into 1999, has reached half of the \$60,000 goal.

"This means we are off to a good start, and have \$30,000 yet to raise," said Gosnell.

The November 7th United Way Auction, which kicked off the current campaign, was chaired by Marianne Gosnell, who is also a United Way board member.

According to the Gosnells, the auction became part of the United Way effort in Crawford County to involve area businesses.

"The auction component of our campaign was begun 14 years ago by co-founders Gloria Kraus and Maureen McNamara," said Marianne Gosnell.

The United Way also has other fund-raising methods, such as payroll deduction, individual donations and corporate gifts.

General campaign co-chairs Paul and Cathi Barnum are heading up the fund-raising efforts related to payroll deduction and are available, along with board members, to make presentations to various organizations and groups.

Officers include: Paul Thomson, Vice-President, Judy Woodland, Secretary, and Linda Golnick. Treasurer. Bill Gannon, Jeannette Kitchen, Major Dale French, Gloria Kraus, Sandy Briney, Joe Swain, Bill Borchers, Diana Stubbe, Jim Briney and Rev. Jacquie Guernsey also serve on the board.

Eighteen agencies that provide services to Crawford County citizens are depending on the goal being reached.

Individual and corporate gifts are reported at the monthly meetings of the United Way Board and the familiar United Way "thermometers," which are located at the Chamber of Commerce and by Re/Max on M-72, are updated periodically.

Checks may be mailed to: United Way of Crawford County, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI, 49738.

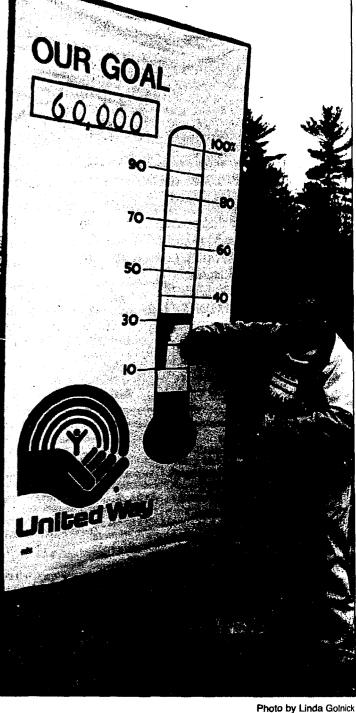


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GETTING CLOSER -- United Way chairperson Paul Barnum updates the "thermometer" near Re/Max in Grayling. At last tally, the United Way had reached half of the \$60,000 goal for the campaign.

North Central Community Mental Health

The year 1998 marked the 25th anniversary of North Central Community Mental Health, which serves the mental health needs of people residing in Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford counties

"It has been a very busy and productive year," said Greg Paffhouse, chief executive officer. "Major goals addressed included continued preparation to assume broadened responsibilities as a manager and as a provider within the changing managed care environment, working to create and maintain a full range of accessible services based on best practices, expanding quality improvement efforts, increasing consumer participation in the planning and evaluation services, and building and improving

community partnerships."

"We are pleased with what we have accomplished, but fully understand that we have many unmet challenges and opportunities," continued Paffhouse.

Some noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Receipt of positive client satisfaction reports from both internal and external surveys.
- Receiving excellent results on the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) site
- Receiving full compliance on the MDCH Recipient Rights
- Receipt of citation-free specialized residential home reviews.
- Establishment of a Consumer Advisory Council.

- · Signing the MDCH managed care contract.
- Having a committed and dedi-

· Expanding partnerships with

other northern Michigan commu-

nity mental health service pro-

cated board of directors has been a key to North Central's success. said Paffhouse. The board is composed of volun-

teers appointed by the county commissioners from all four counties served. Lyle Baldwin, John Hartman, and Jack Mahank have been the Crawford County representatives.

Paffhouse noted that they have provided excellent leadership and direction to help North Central improve operations and to meet the necessary challenges.



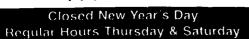
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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Each office of North Central Community Mental Health held a picnic celebration on the occasion of the organization's 25th anniversary. The Grayling office held their celebration on July 30 on the clinic grounds on Meadows Drive.



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this holiday. From our house to yours we send bright greetings and wish you a Happy New Year.





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Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel announced that the Social Security Administration (SSA) is changing its policy to make it easier for victims of domestic violence to obtain a new Social Security number.

The change in policy is designed to help battered, abused and harassed individuals elude their abuser, and to reduce the risk of further vio-

The change will provide for the assignment of a new Social Security number based on an individual's written affirmation of the domestic

abuse, supported by a third-party affidavit from sources such as police, medical professionals or locally-recognized battered victims shelters.

Previously, SSA required evidence showing that an individual is being abused and that misuse of the Social Security number was playing a role in carrying out that abuse.

In addition, SSA is taking additional steps to improve services to victims of domestic violence. They include:

• posting information about domestic violence

• advising people about what other steps they should take to protect themselves; and

• providing individuals with important referral information.

"The importance of this policy change cannot be overestimated. Domestic violence plagues the lives of millions of Americans, most often women, and I am pleased that we are able to make our process of issuing new Social Security numbers less cumbersome, and to make it easier for battered, abused and harassed individuals to begin a better life," said Commissioner Apfel.

Heating season brings carbon monoxide dangers

With temperatures dropping, fur- in furnaces, portable heaters, water your family is to keep your furnace naces kicking on and homeowners sealing up their homes against the winter winds, it is important to make sure your carbon monoxide detector is working properly.

High levels of carbon monoxide (CO) can cause headaches, dizziness. confusion and nausea. If undetected, it can be fatal.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible gas that results from the incomplete combustion of fuels. It can be produced any time you use fuels such as natural gas, propane, fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, or wood

heaters, range tops, ovens, and even fireplaces.

Normally carbon monoxide is vented harmlessly to the outside. However, improper venting - or even a car idling in an attached garage - can create life-threatening levels of this gas in your home.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports about 1,500 people die and an additional 10,000 seek medical attention each year due to accidental carbon monoxide exposure.

The safest way to help protect Protection Plan that is available to

and other appliances tuned properly. to install a high-quality carbon monoxide detector, and test it at least twice a year.

The time changes each fall and spring are good reminders, however for even better protection, you should check your detector each month of the heating season.

If you need to purchase a carbon monoxide detector, they are available in department and hardware stores, prices starting around \$40.

Consumers Energy offers a CO

their residential gas distribution customers. With the plan you receive one of the best carbon monoxide detectors on the market.

Also, if Consumers delivers natural gas to your home, the CO Protection Plan provides free carbon monoxide investigation service, during the seven-year replacement warranty period, should your alarm sound indicating dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in your home.

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The Chenille Sisters to perform music in Gaylord Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming per-People Magazine says the Chenilles' "quixotic

formance by The Chenille Sisters, scheduled for Saturday, January 23 at the Alan L. Gornick Auditorium in Gaylord.

The performance will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. The Gaylord Area Council for the Arts will present The Chenille Sisters.

Their hilarious and heart-warming music has charmed and delighted fans coast to coast. An evening of fun is guaranteed for all.

music mixes warmth and wit," while the Chicago Sun Times praises them for their "sensational, super-tight harmony and clever, campy tunes."

A busy tour schedule keeps The Chenille Sisters moving coast to coast throughout the year, so don't miss this chance to catch this highly entertaining event in northern Michigan.

Tickets may be purchased by mail or by visiting the ticket box office during scheduled times.

To receive your tickets by mail, send your ticket

request along with a check made payable to The Gaylord Area Council for the Arts to: GACA, P.O.

18 and 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Gornick

Tickets remaining will be sold at the door the night of the performance from 5:30 p.m. to 7:20

much as 10 times.

How to take care of Eczema this winter season

The most common type of eczema, atopic dermatitis, affects more than 15 million Americans. Its symptoms include dry, itchy, scaly skin; rashes on the cheeks; redness and inflammation behind the elbows and knees, as well as on the eyelids, neck, hands and wrists. Symptoms of eczema almost always begin in childhood, usually in infancy.

While many cases subside by adolescence, more than half of children go on to experience ongoing "flareups" throughout their lives. The caring for dry, itchy, severely uncomfortable skin, and the need to minimize contact with eczema triggers, can be a time-consuming daily ritual.

Treatment for eczema should include a daily skin care regimen to maintain adequate skin hydration, stress management techniques, and avoidance of irritants and allergens that can trigger acute episodes. Topical corticosteroids, a mainstay of therapy, are generally recommended inflammation.

Eczema flare-ups are most com-

mon during the winter months, when air is cold and dry. To help persons with eczema and their families cope during the winter months, the Eczema Education Partnership - a comprehensive education and informational campaign sponsored by the National Eczema Association for Science and Education (NEASE) and Glaxo Dermatology to increase public awareness of the physical and emotional consequences of eczema has developed some useful tips:

- · Develop a regimen of skin management in consultation with your healthcare provider.
- · Remember that heated indoor

settings can result in low humidity levels, a major cause of dry skin in winter. Be sensitive to your environment, and adjust your skin care and moisturizing program accordingly.

· Cover more of your skin to stay warm. Dress in layers, but avoid irritating fabrics, such as wool and some

• Take time to relax. Higher stress levels triggered by social and workrelated events often lead to flare-ups.

• Stick to your usual moisturizing plan, even when hectic schedules or inclement weather intrude on your daily routine.

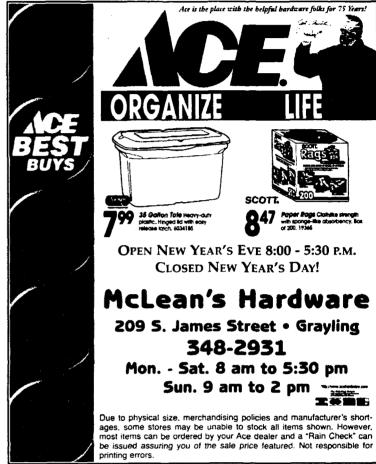
· Bathe as needed to soothe any

Box 249, Gaylord, MI 49734. The ticket box office will be open on January 14.

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discomfort. Remember the "Three Minute Rule" - applying moisturizer within the first three minutes after a bath improves penetration by as





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Preventing diseases: easier than you may think washing your hands while cooking, important prevention steps.

Each year, Americans are sick for a cumulative total of more than four billion days and spend almost \$950 billion on health care.

To help reduce these staggering numbers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in partnership with Reckitt & Colman, Inc., the maker of LYSOL® brand products, have unveiled a public education program entitled "An Ounce of Prevention Keeps the Germs Away.'

The goal of this national program is to teach Americans simple and inexpensive ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, enabling families to live happier, healthier lives.

"Among the simple but important steps to staying healthy are handwashing; cleaning and disinfecting surfaces; handling and preparing food safely; immunizing children and adults; using antibiotics appropriately; keeping pets healthy and immunized; and avoiding wild animals," says Dr. James Hughes, director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.

"By practicing these simple and inexpensive methods, we can potentially prevent illnesses that range from common ailments like the cold and flu to deadly diseases such as hantavirus and tuberculosis."

Many routines taught by the program are not new, and many were passed on to us by our parents. But with today's busy lifestyle, we often get out of the habit and overlook practicing these simple prevention

For example, one of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their noses or their eyes after their hands have been contaminated with viruses that cause colds. By washing your hands frequently, you wash away germs that you pick up from other people, animals and

"Your hands aren't the only things that need cleaning; another important prevention step is to regularly clean and disinfect surfaces inside the home," says Joe Bubino, senior director of Biological Services at Reckitt & Colman. Disinfection with a household disinfectant is especially important in both the kitchen and bathroom--the two most infected areas in the home, according to the CDC.

Each year, foodborne illnesses kill at least 9,000 people in the U.S. Many of these cases occur in the home, and most cases can be avoided if food is handled and prepared safely. This translates into not only

but cooking food properly.

"An Ounce of Prevention" program also stresses the importance of

practicing the steps outlined in the program, you can help reduce medical bills and sick days, and perhaps

Be wise and immunize





Practice safe food handling at all times to prevent diseases

proper healthcare. It is important to follow the proper immunization guidelines to prevent the spread of some very serious diseases.

It is also important that when you do get sick you use antibiotics appropriately and follow the specific prescription directions.

"An Ounce of Prevention" program urges that we get back into the habit of practicing these simple but save the life of a loved one.

Components of the program include an educational video, brochure and poster, which outline the steps to preventing infectious diseases.

The video and companion materials will be shown and distributed in HMO clinics and doctors' waiting areas nationwide. For a free brochure contact 1-800-995-9765.

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virtue of the power of sale contained in the

mortgage, and the statute in such case made

and provided, on January 14, 1999, at 10:00

a.m. the undersigned will sell in the front

lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200

W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan,

that being the place of holding the Circuit

Court for the County of Crawford, at public

venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of

satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon

said Mortgage, together with the legal fees

and charges of the sale, including attorney's

fees allowed by law, the premises in said

mortgage located in Crawford County and

Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West,

commencing at the Southeast corner of

Parcel "A": Part of the Southeast 1/4 of

which are described as follows:

debt or any part thereof;

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default having been made by TIMOTHY
J. MINNICK and DOROTHY L. HARRIS, as Mortgagors, to the CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COM-MISSION, as Mortgagee, on a Mortgage dated April 20, 1994 and recorded on April 20, 1994 at Liber 376, Pages 260-261 of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of December 23, 1998 the sum of \$17,260.50 in principal and interest; no legal or equitable proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage contained having become operative by reason of the default;

Notice is now given that on WEDNES-DAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998 AT 11 A.M. at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford,

all bids submitted.

capable, internet accessible an Y2K compliant.

at the Sheriff's Office or (517) 344-3205.

bids must be labeled County Computer Coordination.

there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the Mortgage, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorneys fee as provided by law and in the Mortgage, the land and premises mentioned and described in the Mortgage as follows:

Northeast 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County,

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale (MSA 23A.3240(4)]. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale.

Date: 12/22/98 David R. Sabin, P.C.

Attorney for the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission

115 Michigan Avenue Grayling, Michigan 49738 (517) 348-5588

-31-7-14-21

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julie A. RYTHER, an unmarried woman (original mortgagors) to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1996, and recorded on January 28, 1997 in Liber 424, on Page 433. Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE COR-PORATION, as assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 1996 which was recorded on May 27, 1996, in Liber 430, on Page 418-419. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the same of <u>ONE HUNDRED</u> TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND 90/100 dollars (\$102.952.90), including interest at 13.65%

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue in such case, made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 146, AuSable Woods No. 4, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 24, 1998 CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202

Trott and Trott, P.C. Attorneys for CONTIMORTGAGE COR-PORATION

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 981211707 PROPERTY ADDRESS 3090 Palmer Place Grayling, MI 49738

-24-31-7-14-21

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Marie Gillett and Timothy James Gillett, her husband to First Finance.

Mortgagers, dated March 31, 1998 and recorded on April 7, 1998 in Liber 451 on page 33 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bankers Trust Company of, California, NA as, Custodian or Trustee by an assignment dated April 6, 1998, and recorded on October 20, 1998 in Liber 465, on page 591 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN AND 52/100 Dollars (\$66,787.52), including inter-

est at 11.950% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10 o'clock a.m. on February 10, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, nd are described as: LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 4, RED PINE ACRES, TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH,

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 07, CRAWFORD COUN-TY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months

from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such Dated: December 30, 1998

Bankers Trust Company of, California, NA as, Custodian or Trustee Mortgagee Frederick A. Petz, Esq.

PETZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 20902 Mack Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

#1346-470

NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE**

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by William D. Shearer, Jr., an unmarried man, of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids,

MIchigan 49507, dated August 22, 1997, and recorded on September 2, 1997, in Liber 436, Pages 556-562 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to First National Bank of Michigan. a National Banking Association, whose address is 241 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 14, 1997, and recorded on November 7, 1997, with the Crawford Count Register of Deeds at Liber 441, Page 242, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest

said Section 19; thence no degrees 26'50" E (along the section line) 1127.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 88 degrees 34' 14" E 1547.28 feet; thence S 88 degrees 36' E 55.2 feet thence so degrees 28' 20" W 1335.8 feet; thence S 88 degrees 34' 30" E 1308.67 feet; thence S 0 degrees 26' 50" W

209 feet to the point of beginning. which has an address of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 (a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

First National Bank of Michigan 241 E. Saginaw East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dated: November 30, 1998 WILLIAM M. AZKOUL (P40071)

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 161 OTTAWA, N.W., STE. 111-A **GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503** (616) 458-1315

-10-17-24-31

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS 1999 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW ON SALE

Crawford County is requesting proposals for criminal justice personal

computer network based system connecting agencies within the county

building and up to five remote locations. All systems must be E-mail

Sealed bids will be accepted until January 15, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the coun-

ty courthouse lobby or via mail addressed to: Paul Compo, Crawford

County Controller, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Sealed

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON JANUARY, 15, 1999.

Crawford County reserves the right to accept, reject or refuse any and/or

Crawford County will not discriminate or permit discrimination against

any person on the basis of his or her race, sex, religion, political affilia-

For further information and specifications contact Sheriff David G. Lovely

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW FEES ARE IN EFFECT

1999 CRAWFORD COUNTY DOG LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE THE FEES ARE \$10.00 FOR MALE AND FEMALE DOGS THE FEES ARE \$6.00 SPAYED FEMALES AND NEUTERED MALES THE FEE FOR A KENNEL LICENSE IS \$25.00

YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF NEUTERING OR SPAYING

A valid rabies vaccination certificate must be presented before you can purchase your dog license.

Licenses may be purchased beginning 12/18/98 at the Crawford County Treasurers Office, The Crawford County Animal Shelter, and the Grayling Hospital For Animals.

From 12/18/98 until March 1st. You may also purchase your license at The Lovells Township Hall, South Branch Township Hall, Beaver Creek Township Hall and The Frederic Township Hall. After March 1st license will no longer be available at these places.

License may be purchased by mail from the Crawford County Treasurers Office only. Send check or money order and valid proof of current vaccination and spaying of neutering certificate if applicable.

BEGINNING MARCH FIRST LICENSE FEES WILL DOUBLE.

MALE AND FEMALE DOGS WILL BE \$20.00 SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS WILL BE \$12.00 KENNEL LICENSES WILL BE \$50.00

County of Crawford Treasurers Office Joseph V. Wakeley

-17-24-31

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATION MEETING NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold the organization meeting at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, 1999 in the Crawford County Circuit Courtroom.

Sandra Moore County Clerk/Register

1999 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD **COMMISSION OFFICE** 10:00 A.M.

January 21, 1999 February 4, 1999 February 18, 1999 March 4, 1999 March 18, 1999 April 1, 1999 April 15, 1999 April 29, 1999 May 13, 1999 May 27, 1999 June 10, 1999

June 24, 1999

January 7, 1999

July 8, 1999 July 22, 1999 August 5, 1999 August 19, 1999 September 2, 1999 September 16, 1999 September 30, 1999 October 14, 1999 October 28, 1999 November 11, 1999 November 24, 1999 December 9, 1999 December 22, 1999

For: Ray Swiercz, Chairman Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman Bill Gannon, Member

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1999 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 14, 1999 February 11, 1999 March 11, 1999 April 8, 1999 May 13, 1999 June 10, 1999

July 8, 1999 August 12, 1999 September 9, 1999 October 14, 1999 November 11, 1999 December 9, 1999

The meetings are held at the Citizens Bank, Grayling, MI in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 am. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission Board may contact the Housing Commission office located at 203 Huron Street, Grayling, MI. (517) 348-3513, to be placed on the agenda.

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For The Week Of January 3-9

ARIES March 21-April 20

Start your new year out right by helping someone close to you. He/she is counting on your advice and support. Don't turn away, even if you aren't completely sold on the idea. It's time to get your savings plan under way.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Don't depend on a friend's investment advice. He/she listened to the wrong person. You don't want to get dragged down with them. Take some time off for yourself. With the hectic pace of the holidays, you didn't get much time

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Remember those New Year's resolutions you made? Take out your list. This is the week to start on them. Work on them one at a time, and then it won't seem to be such an insurmountable task. This might be a good week to plan a romantic dinner.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Set aside time to visit a relative in a nursing home or the hospital. It's been a long and lonely stay for your loved one. Take a creative approach to a problem that's been bugging you, and it might help you solve it to everyone's satisfaction.

LEO July 23-August 23

Don't overdo that new diet you started. Even though it's been a good plan for you, it may not work for everyone, so don't push it on others. That small problem that's been nagging you... solve it now before it gets bigger and out of control.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Seek a loyal friend's help and advice about your job. He/she will be a great source concerning opportunities, interviews and more. A night out with friends may be just what the doctor ordered. It's a great way to relieve those job tensions

LIBRA September 23-October 23

Bad weather doesn't mean you can't work on home improvements. Remember, some of those projects you were going to do are inside the house. That would be a good place to start. Stay within your budget and go with your original plans.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Remember that big New Year's resolution? You had better get on it this week. If things seem tough at work right now, don't let it get to you. Attitudes and projects will get better as the week goes on, so don't make any hasty decisions.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

A big opportunity may be heading your way at home or at work. Just be open-minded and don't let it pass. When an old friend contacts you, don't let old, petty differences get in the way of renewing what used to be a great friendship.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Problems will arise this week, and you will need to be patient. Remember, your patience was one thing you resolved to work on this year. Don't let an annoying person at work cause you to blow your cool. You'll come out on top if you don't.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Don't get frustrated with a friend who seems to have let you down. He/she may have run into a problem but will come through for you in the end. It's time to think about the savings plan again. Seek the advice of a professional first.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Before you go any further into a new relationship, take time to really think it through. This is definitely one time to lead with your head, not your heart. Even if you don't want to hear it, listen to a close friend who has some sage advice.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

S'MORE **DROPS**

6 ounces sweet cooking chocolate 1 tbsp. butter 3 cups honey graham

cereal 1 cup miniture marshmallows

1. Break chocolate into pieces. Place in 2-quart microwave-safe bowl. Add butter. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute and then every 30 seconds. Stir until



smooth. Add cereal and marshmallows, stirring until evenly coated with choco-

2. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto buttered cookie sheets. Chill to harden. Keep in refrigerator or in cool dry place. (Variation: for Choco-Mint Noodle Drops, substitute 3 cups chowmein noodles and 1/4 cup crushed peppermint candy for the cereal and marshmallows.



HOME NEEDED - Kee is a 1-2 year old golden retriever mix, female, house broken and very friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 34844117.

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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

January 1, 1976

Crawford County to receive \$22,739 for snow removal aid this year from state funds.

Kirtland's Practical Program had achieved the status of "Full Approval" from the Michigan Board of Nursing, Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Volunteers Lucille Blumenschein and Georgia Royce along with 20 other RSVP volunteers cut and sewed over 170 night gowns and pairs of paiamas for Community Services to distribute this Christmas along with baskets of food and toys.

In a recent letter received by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Governor William Millikin has named Grayling Winter Sports Festival an Embassy of Michigan Tourism.

On Saturday evening, January 10th, the Community School Program will present the next program in its second attempt to create a series of high level cultural programs for the Grayling area. So far, two programs have been held and attendance has dropped far below last season, so far the realistic fact that it may be necessary to drop the series in the future.

Mike Hoffman of Ferris State College and Bridget Hoffman of MSU are spending the holidays with their parents Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman.

Guests of the Don Jansen's for his installation on December 13th were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John List of Saginaw, and his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jansen and Mr. Willard Jansen of Roscommon.

Stephanie Hindmarsh and Kelly Doyle are two of Mrs. Brown's second graders who took the Christmas cards they made to sick children in the hospital. They walked over from the school and presented their cards to Mr. Nimke and Mrs. Vermont, who will see that the children spending Christmas in the hospital will get cards. "I made my card to make other children happy." says Kathy Golnick. "I felt like cheering up the children who can't have Christmas at home," says Sheri SanCartier.

46 YEARS AGO

January 1, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells and daughter, Vicki, of Lansing, spent Christmas with their parents Mrs. A. F. Donor and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells.

The Frank Madill family of Moultrie, Georgia, is visiting Frank's and Caroline's parents the Charles Madills and Charles Post families for the holidays.

The Ernest Lovely family of Auburn spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade spent Christmas week in Toledo, with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Randolph and

family and Mrs. Signe Randolph spent Christmas Day in Cadillac visiting the Stanley Stephan family. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doyon of Frederic, a five pound girl, December 22. She will be known as

Denise Mary Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swanson and children spent Christmas Eve in Cadillac with Mr. Swanson's people and Christmas Day with her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gluld of Winegar. The Goulds spent Sunday and Monday at the Swanson

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and children spent the holidays with the latters parents in Croswell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood spent Christmas vacation in Lovells and Grayling. They returned home to Bay City in the afternoon. Mrs. Ruth Caid accompanied them and will spend a few days of her holiday

vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Caid and sons returned to Adrian, Michigan last Friday, where they plan on remaining for some time.

69 YEARS AGO

January 2, 1930

Misses Nina Fleming and Retta Leadbeater of the Nurses Training School are spending a few days at their homes in Vanderbilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock are happy to have another son in their family. The baby was born at Merch Hospital December 31. They have named him Jerry Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson had as their guests over Christmas the former's brother, Herbert and

family of Beaver Creek.
Mr. and Mrs. George Schiable and children, Junior and Beverly, left for ansing Monday to visit Mrs Schiable's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gierke spent the weekend in Saginaw visiting Mrs. Ina Rasmusson. Monday they continued on to Toledo, Ohio, where they spent New Years with the former's brother, Al Gierke.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babbitt and son, Arnold and Mrs. Babbitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Barber of Roscommon spent the Christmas weekend visiting relatives and friends in Bay City, Detroit and Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Ben DeLaMater and family are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A., Eckenfels.

Ed Barber returned to Chicago Heights after eating Christmas Dinner at home in Frederic.

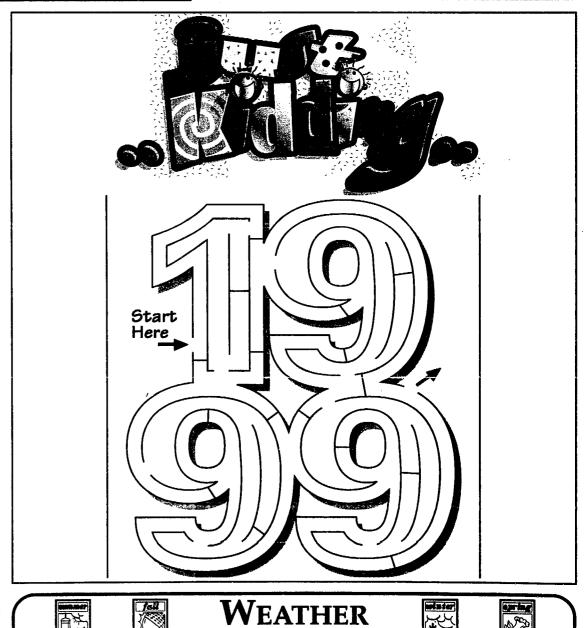
The H. Petersen Grocery stock was moved to a new location Saturday night and on Monday morning business was going on as

92 YEARS AGO January 3, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. R. Robbin with Master Robbie went to Bay City last Wednesday, returning Monday.

Theodore Jendron of Frederic is the owner of a nice looking team which he treated himself to Christmas Day.

The many friends of Frank Phelps will be pleased to greet him again behind the counter at Tournier's Drug Store, he having returned from Stanton, where he had been engaged for the past two years.



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Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday will be dry with the high in the mid to upper teens and low 0 to 5 above. Friday will have a chance of snow with the high in the upper teens to 20's and low -5 to 5 above. Saturday will have a good chance of snow with the high in the low to mid 20's and the low 5 to 15.

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choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar doorwall onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water baseboard heat, covered front porch and driveway with apron. \$96,900 Reduced to \$88,900 CH-659



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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath offering 1,056 sq. ft. of living space. Features include large dining room and spacious kitchen. City water and sewer, plus well for drinking water in house. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer, large back-yard, new vinyl siding, and new roof:approximately 5 years old. \$42,000 CS-882



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10 WOODED ACRES. 175' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from water's edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completet urnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room an dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. \$139,500 CS-872



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AUSABLE RIVERFRONT Beautiful building lot on middle branch off Conners Flat Road near MacMasters Bridge. Call Kim at (740) 797-2801 for directions. (LR12/31/98/1)

1. Real Estate

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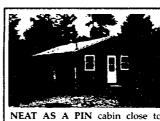
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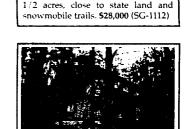
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acres adjoining state land (adjoining 10

Higgins Lake, snowmobile trails and state land. This one won't last long. \$21,900 (BSO-1166)



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CLOSE ACCESS to state land, Ausable Rive oversized garage and storage area to store th toys. 2 bedroom home with a wood burner in the family room. Large wooded lot 567,500



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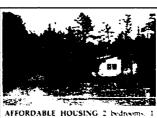
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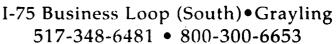
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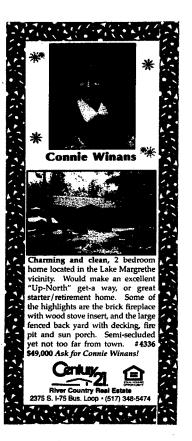
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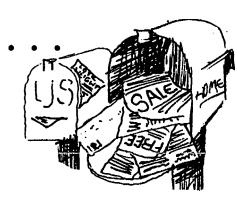


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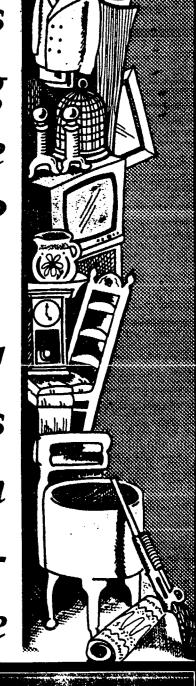
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